

LOST ESTATE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

The Imago Dei and Financial Responsibility

Reflecting God's Image in Our Financial Decisions

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; Proverbs 13:22



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WELCOME PEOPLE OF FAITH

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27;
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What is Imago Dei?

- "Imago Dei is a Latin term that means 'Image of God.' It signifies that humans are created to reflect God's character and attributes."
- "In Genesis 1:26-27, we read: 'Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.' This means we are called to mirror God's justice, mercy, and generosity in our lives."



Ethical Implications of Imago Dei

- "Being made in God's image calls for ethical behavior, including financial stewardship. As bearers of God's image, we are called to mirror His justice, mercy, and generosity."
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- "This includes how we manage our finances. We are stewards of God's creation, including our financial resources."



Ethical Implications of Imago Dei



MICAH 6:8

"He has shown you,
O mortal, what is
good. And what
does the Lord
require of you? To
act justly and to
love mercy and to
walk humbly with
your God."

LUKE 16:10

"Whoever can be
trusted with very
little can also be
trusted with much,
and whoever is
dishonest with very
little will also be
dishonest with
much."



MATTHEW 25:14-30
"Consider the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. In this story, a master entrusts his servants with varying amounts of money before leaving on a journey. The servants who managed the money wisely and responsibly were rewarded, while the one who failed to use the resources wisely faced consequences. This parable underscores the importance of stewardship and reflects the ethical implications of being created in God's image. We are called to use our resources justly, mercifully, and wisely, reflecting God's character in all we do."

Biblical Principles of Stewardship

PROVERBS

13:22

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous."

1 PETER 4:10:

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Practical Financial Applications

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PROVERBS 21:5

"The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty."

LUKE 14:28-30

Jesus teaches about the importance of planning and counting the cost: "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"

PROVERBS 21:20

"Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it."

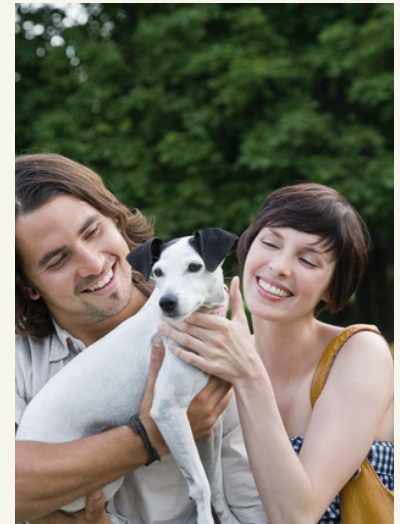
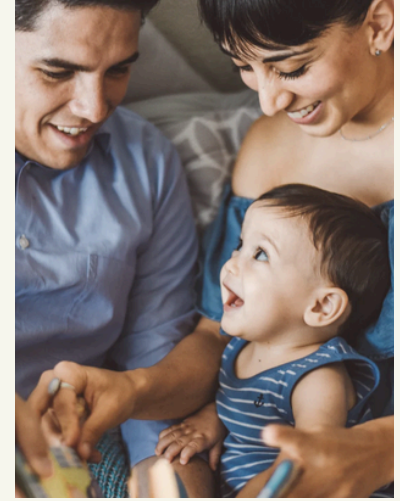
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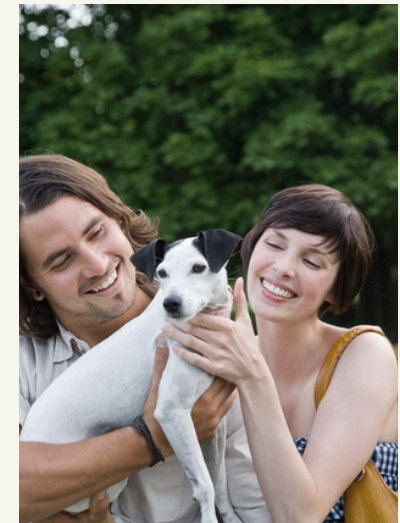
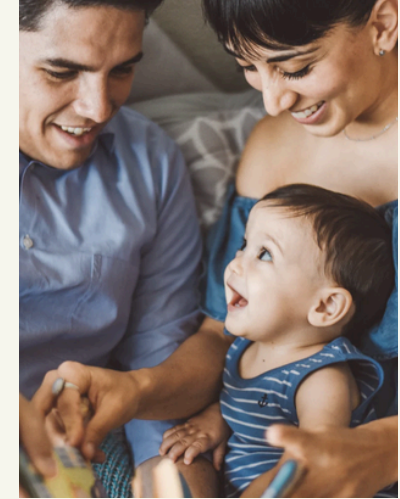
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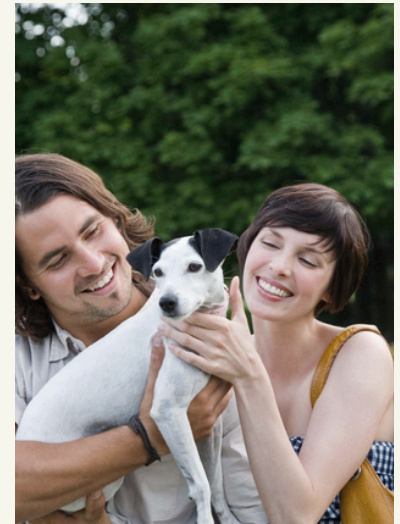
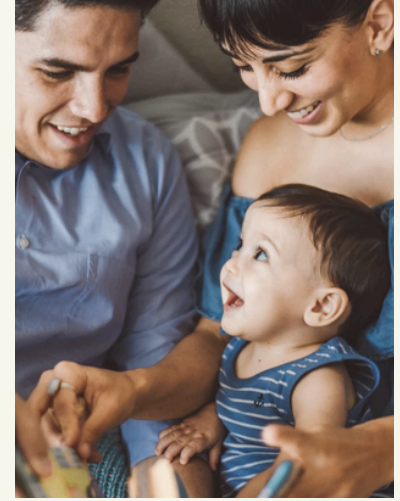
GIVING

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7 - "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

CONNECTION:

We are called to support the church and those in need, reflecting God's generosity through our giving.



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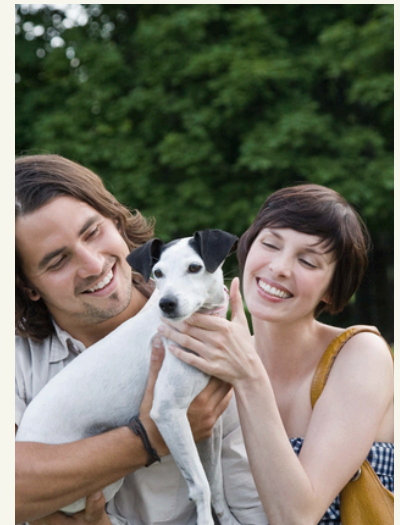
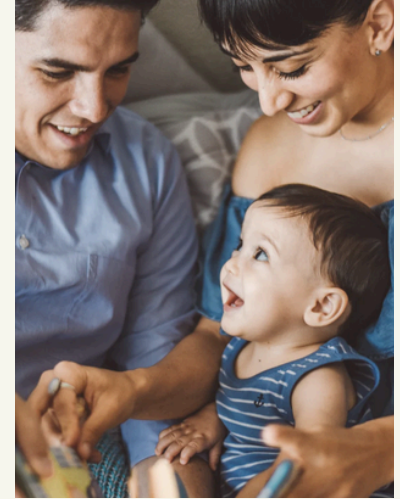
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Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)

- "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property... He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more."

CONNECTION:

We should seek to grow our resources wisely, just as the faithful servants in the parable of the talents did.



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

HOW CAN I BETTER REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE IN MY
FINANCIAL DECISIONS?"

"Now, I would like you to take some time this week to ponder on a few questions. Reflect on these as you go about your daily life and seek God's guidance in your financial stewardship"

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

CONCLUSION

"WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE TO LEAVE A LASTING FINANCIAL
LEGACY?"

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

HOW CAN I PRACTICE GENEROSITY IN MY CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION?"

"These are important questions, and they require us to look deep within and ask for the Lord's wisdom and direction. Take some quiet time, pray, and let God speak to your heart. Let us be mindful stewards, honoring God with all that we have, and may our financial decisions be a testament to His grace and goodness. Amen?"

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