

# “FINANCIAL FREEDOM”

## PART 1

### “HOW ARE YOU USING WHAT YOU’VE BEEN GIVEN”

OBJECTIVE: TO DISCOVER WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP. UNDERSTAND HOW TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES THAT GOD OUTLINES FOR HIS CHILDREN.

KEY SCRIPTURES: MATTHEW 25:14-30/MARK 8:36-38

PROVERBS 11:24-25/PROVERBS 13:11/2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-24 (NLT)/TITUS 1:7-16

GOD WANTS US WHOLE IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE. HE WANTS US FREE FROM BONDAGE IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES. WE COMPLICATE OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES IN SO MANY AREAS AND HOW WE STEWARD MONEY IS ONE OF THEM.

(MATTHEW 19:23-26) IT TAKES THE WISDOM OF GOD TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MONEY AND LIVE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

GOD IS OUR PROVIDER. TOO OFTEN WE HONOR THE PROVISION HE GRANTS US; MORE THAN GOD HIMSELF. WHEN WE WORSHIP THE RESOURCES AND FORGET **THE SOURCE** WHO PROVIDES ALL RESOURCES. WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO CREATE IDOLS OF THE RESOURCES GOD GIVES US; MORE THAN GOD HIMSELF. (ROMANS 1:25)

**THERE ARE THREE WAYS WE CAN MANAGE OUR FINANCES THAT WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS.**

1. SPEND LESS THAN YOU EARN! THIS IS THE START TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM. PEOPLE DON’T LIVE WITH A BUDGET. PEOPLE DON’T HAVE DISCIPLINE WITH SPENDING. WE ARE

*TRAINED THROUGH DEBT IN OUR NATION NOT TO HAVE DELAYED GRATIFICATION. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT; YOU RALLY DON'T NEED IT!! DEBT IS A DEMON. YOU MAY NOT DEAL WITH THE DEMON OF LYING OR STEALING, BUT DEBT IS A DEMON PEOPLE DEAL WITH AND FIGHT EVERYDAY BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS BONDAGE.*

*(ROMANS 13:8)*

2. SAVE WHAT YOU DON'T SPEND!! EVERYTHING IS FOR SALE. THAT DOES NOT MEAN BUY EVERYTHING YOU SEE. JUST BECAUSE IT'S ON SALE 20% OFF. DON'T LET YOUR EYES BE BIGGER THAN YOUR WALLET!! IF I CAN'T AFFORD IT RIGHT NOW DON'T BUY IT.

*(GENESIS 41)*

*I DO NOT PERSONALLY BELIEVE IN SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY. I DO BELIEVE IN LIFE PLANNING. I DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NEVER LIVE PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK.*

3. INVEST WHAT YOU CAN FROM YOUR SAVINGS. SUCCESS IN FINANCES MEANS YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING WITH WHAT YOU HAVE. KINGDOM INVESTMENTS, FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS, REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, AND ASSETS. AT LEAST PUT IT IN THE BANK. (MATTHEW 25:27)