

The Prepared Man: Wealth, Part 3

THE POINT: Men will learn the basics of biblical finance, God's way of managing money.

WARM UP: What makes money such a powerful force? See **Luke 16:13**. _____

WORKOUT: Biblical principles of managing money God's way...

1. **Earned Income:** Work to earn money, and gain respect in the process. (Review)

2. **Debt Freedom:** Pay off all debts, and live debt-free. (Review)

3. **Uses of Money:** Practice four basic ways to use money.

- (1) Tithe / Giving: 10%. **Genesis 14:17-20; Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-12. Proverbs 3:9-10. Matthew 23:23.** What is a "tithe"? _____ How do you calculate a tithe? _____ What is the message of the tithe? _____
- (2) Saving: 10%. **Proverbs 27:23-27.** Why is it important to save for emergency? _____ What are other reasons for saving money? _____
- (3) Investing: 10%. **Ecclesiastes 11:1-2,6.** With reference to *the magic of compound interest*, how and why does investment work? _____ Why should you invest? _____ What should you invest in? _____ What is a good investment company that won't take much of my returns in management fees? _____
- (4) Spending: 70%. **Ecclesiastes 10:19; 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17; Philippians 4:11-12.** How do we "enjoy" money as a gift from God? _____ What is contentment, and how can being content help you spend money responsibly?

4. **Financial Plan:** Prepare and follow a written plan for managing money; stick to a budget to make money behave.

- **Luke 14:28-30.** Why "count the cost" for anything you want to spend money on? _____
- See and adapt the *Sample Budget* on page 2 to your financial situation.

5. From this study, one lesson I've learned that I will put into practice is _____.

THE TAKEAWAY: God wants you to enjoy money while giving, saving, and investing, so you have the financial ability to impact the largest number of lives as you advance God's Kingdom.

PRAY IT LOUD (FROM THE HEART): Heavenly Father, I will put You first in my finances by giving You my tithe and following Your blueprint for saving, investing and spending money in ways that honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen!