



LIFE GROUP LESSON

"ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL LEGACY" February 2024

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON

Objective: To understand how God's word can determine what happens in our future if we use the power that is in his word by speaking and believing it.

Lesson Preparation

1. To Understand Good Stewardship: Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. *1 Corinthians 4:2 NKJV*
 - a. Family and Church's responsibility to teach godly principles concerning financial legacy.
2. To Plan for your financial future – *Jeremiah 29:11*
 - a. to whom much is given much is required – *Luke 12:48*
 - b. count the cost – *Luke 14:28-30*
3. To bless our family and the Kingdom of God
 - a. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. *Deuteronomy 8:18*
 - b. Through obedience and godly character

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever. *Psalms 112:1-3*

WEEK 1: How We Handle Money Impacts Our Fellowship with The Lord

Discussion Question: Do you consider yourself a good manager of your money and assets?

1. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

2. Do you sense God's presence and approval with how you handle your money? Take time during Life Group to pray, asking and trusting God to manage the money and assets you have already been given or entrusted with.
 - a. There is hope for your future," declares the Lord, - *Jeremiah 31:17 NASB*
3. Wisdom in stewardship comes when we know that God is the owner of everything.
 - a. *Psalms 24:1* - "The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein."
 - b. *Psalms 50:10* "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."
 - c. *Haggai 2:8* "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts."

WEEK 2: God's Plan and Purpose is about Legacy

Discussion Question: Do you need a shift in your thinking regarding financial legacy? How did your parents prepare you for financial legacy?

1. It's never too late to start your financial legacy. Take responsibility for your financial future. Seek wise counsel. Don't continue to be financially ignorant. We must educate ourselves by reading the Word of God, both secular and Christian that gives us good management skills. (teach and train your children as well)
 - a. *Hosea 4:6* says that "my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge".
 - b. *Luke 16:8* And the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.
2. Set financial goals for yourself. Have you been praying for a financial miracle? Maybe God is trying to give you a plan; it takes faith to plan. *Habakkuk 2:2* says write the vision and make it plain.
 - a. Goals are intentional, it's what you intend to make happen.
 - b. God gave Noah a plan, a blueprint to build the ark. This was something that had never been built before. Noah's family was saved from the flood because he followed God's plan.
 - c. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:14 NASB*

REMEMBER: If you fail to plan, then you are planning to fail.

WEEK 3: Remove Obstacles That Hinder You from Reaching Your Goals.

Discussion Questions: What are some obstacles that would prevent you from reaching your goals?

1. Fear of failure
2. It's too late. I'm too old
3. Low self-esteem
4. Unrealistic goals
5. Unwillingness to change

Let God's word destroy "vain imaginations."

1. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. *2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV*
2. Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. *Philippians 4:8 The Message*
3. Set Faith goals (read *Hebrews 11:1-40*)
 - a. Spend time with God
 - b. Write down what God says to you
 - c. Set a measurable goal
 - d. Take action

In *Hebrews 11:4-13*, all of these people exercised faith without full understanding, adequate resources, or seeing how what they believed could be accomplished.

Discuss/Share with the group goals that you have set and accomplished that have helped to manage your money.

WEEK 4: Stop Eating Your Seed and Become A Generous Giver.

Discussion Question: Are you consuming more than you are saving, investing, and giving?

1. Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, [be diligently active, make thoughtful decisions], for you will find it after many days. *Ecclesiastes 11:1 Amplified*
2. Sow your seed in the morning. *Ecclesiastes 11:6*

3. Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap generously [and be blessed]. Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift]. And God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him] and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity. *II Corinthians 9:6-8 Amplified*

Discussion: What areas in your financial life are you willing to cut back, save or invest more?