

FAITH & MONEY

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Introduction

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Welcome to our Bible study on the topic of stewarding money well. Money is a resource that God has entrusted to us, and it is important for us to handle it wisely and in accordance with His principles. In this study, we will explore what the Bible says about money, how to manage it responsibly, and how to honour God with our finances.

Why not begin with a prayer, asking God to guide our hearts and minds as we study His Word and seek His wisdom in managing our finances well.

treasure

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Read and meditate on Matthew 6:19-21:

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Discussion Questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about the nature of earthly treasures?
2. Why does Jesus encourage us to store up treasures in heaven instead?
3. How does the location of our treasure affect the condition of our heart?

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Read and discuss Psalm 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 10:26:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

"For the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." (1 Corinthians 10:26)

Discussion Questions:

1. How do these verses emphasise God's ownership of everything?
2. How does understanding that God is the owner influence our perspective on money and possessions?
3. How can we practically apply this principle in our daily lives?

tithing

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Read and reflect on Malachi 3:10:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the significance of tithing in our relationship with God?
2. How does this passage encourage us to trust God with our finances?
3. How have you personally experienced the blessings of tithing in your life?

contentment

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Read and discuss Hebrews 13:5 and Luke 12:15:

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)

"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'" (Luke 12:15)

Discussion Questions:

1. How does contentment relate to stewarding money well?
2. What dangers does materialism present to our spiritual lives?
3. Share practical ways to cultivate contentment and guard against greed in our daily lives.

generosity

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Read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 9:6-8:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Discussion Questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about the principle of sowing and reaping in relation to giving?
2. How does the attitude of our heart affect our giving?
3. Share examples of how giving generously has impacted your own life or the lives of others.

Application

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1. Reflect on the key principles discussed in this Bible study: recognizing God as the owner, tithing, contentment, and giving generously. Which areas do you feel called to work on in your own life? Share your thoughts with the group.
2. Set specific goals and action steps to apply these principles in your life. How can you become a better steward of the financial resources God has entrusted to you?
3. Pray together, asking God for wisdom, discipline, and a transformed perspective on money and possessions. Commit to supporting and encouraging one another on this journey of stewarding money well.

Prayer

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Feel free to pray your own prayers as a group or pray the prayer below together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for this time of study and reflection on the topic of stewarding money well. Help us to apply the principles we have learned and to honour you with our finances. Guide us in making wise decisions, cultivating contentment, and giving generously. May our hearts be focused on storing up treasures in heaven rather than on earthly possessions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.