

Putting The Biblical Strategy Into Action...

- ✘ Implementing Faith, Joy & Generosity Into Our Finances & Budget!
 - ☆ First, do you have a budget for 2023? Do you take personal responsibility for your finances & stewardship?
 - ☆ Crafting a Personal Budget for 2023 (See Budget Insert)
 - ☆ Exercise _____ In Your Finances / Budget / Giving...
 - ↳ Set aside the tithe, commit to missions, show compassion, invest in the next generation, give outside the church...
 - ☆ Exercise _____ In Your Giving This Year...
 - ↳ Rejoice in every opportunity to give, in the privilege of giving, in the sacrifice of giving...



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MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
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Message Talk Sheet

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SERIES: 2023 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Today's Message:

IT'S ONLY MONEY

"Faith, Joy & Finances"
Finding Financial Freedom
(Part 2)

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15



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2023 Stewardship Series

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- ✘ The struggling churches in Macedonia gave according to their ability, yes, and _____ their ability, they were freely willing.

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- Joy results from a faith relationship with God. (See Galatians 6:6-10)
- Generosity flows from a heart of self-sacrifice, not self-preservation.
- Biblical giving comes from _____, not the law.

Message Talk Sheet (Continued...)

The Churches of Macedonia



✘ Biblical Giving Comes from Grace, Not the Law.

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- ✘ Paul is not using a _____ from God to motivate the Corinthians to give – He's testing the sincerity of their love **by the diligence of others** and appealing to the _____ of Christ! (vv.8-15)

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- ✘ The Principle of _____ – A Biblical starting point for giving. (Malachi 3:10 / Matthew 23:23)
- ✘ The Biblical Model of Financial Stewardship:
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Budget Insert

Establishing A Budget

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✘ Employment – Job #3	\$ _____
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✘ Total Income	\$ _____

Expenses

✘ Contributions

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2) Offerings – Church	\$ _____
3) Missions – Church Pledge	\$ _____
4) Missions – Guests / Other	\$ _____
5) Benevolence	\$ _____
6) Community Outreach	\$ _____
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