



There Is MORE for Our Finances

- If money were not a factor, what is one dream or opportunity you would pursue?
 - What was one financial lesson you learned growing up that has stayed with you?
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1. Who Is Really in Control?

Read **Matthew 6:24**

- Why do you think Jesus spoke so often about money?
 - What are some signs that money may be controlling someone's decisions?
 - Have you ever found yourself saying "I can't obey God because I can't afford it"? What does that reveal?
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Principle #1: Live on a Written Budget

Read:

Proverbs 21:5

Luke 14:28-30

Discussion



- Have you ever made a purchase you later regretted because there wasn't a plan?
 - What keeps people from creating and following a budget?
 - How does budgeting actually create freedom rather than restriction?
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Principle #2: Avoid Debt

Read

Proverbs 22:7

Discussion

- In what ways does debt limit our ability to respond when God calls us?
 - What messages does our culture send about debt?
 - How does our culture normalize debt?
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Principle #3: Foster High-Quality Relationships

Read

Proverbs 13:20

Discussion

- How have the people around you influenced your financial habits?
- Have you ever made a poor financial decision because of pressure from friends or family?



- Who models biblical wisdom with money that you could learn from?
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Principle #4: Save and Invest

Read

Proverbs 21:20

Discussion

- Why do you think Scripture encourages saving?
 - What's the difference between saving out of wisdom and hoarding out of fear?
 - How does saving position us to bless others?
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Principle #5: Be Incredibly Generous

Read

2 Corinthians 9:7

Discussion

- Why is generosity such an important part of following Jesus?
- What makes generosity difficult?
- How does generosity help keep money from becoming our master?