



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

## **The Blessed Life: Managing Money**

### **MONEY: IT'S A TRUST.**

God created the Earth and everything in it and, therefore, everything belongs to Him. He is the owner; we are stewards. God alone provides all that we need, and all that we have is His.

Discuss how the principle of stewardship applies to your life in general? To your finances?

Would you (or do you) find it hard to trust God when money is scarce? How can we be faithful with what He has entrusted to us?

*Matthew 6:25-34; Matthew 13:44; Philippians 4:19; Psalm 23:1*

### **MONEY: IT'S A TEST.**

How is your stewardship of money a test from God? How can we pass that test? What is God's reward for being faithful with that which He has entrusted to us?

*Luke 16:10; Malachi 3:6-12; Leviticus 27:30*

### **Two Keys to Success:**

#### **1. THANK GOD FIRST.**

a. IT'S **BIBLICAL**.

b. IT'S A **BLESSING**.

How we steward our finances is a reflection of our heart. How might our stewardship reflect thanksgiving? What does a selfish attitude towards money reflect?

*Deuteronomy 14:23; Matthew 6:21; Luke 14:13-14; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

#### **2. THINK 10,000 YEARS AHEAD.**

How can we invest our money in a manner that will glorify God throughout eternity? What is God saying to you today in how you use money?

*Exodus 20:6; Matthew 20:26-28; Matthew 6:20*

### **What's Next**

- Never put your security into something that can be taken away. Your net worth is not your worth to God.
- Seek God and His Word earnestly, and ask for His guidance for how you can use the money He has entrusted to you to glorify His kingdom.
- If you struggle with money or keeping a budget, ask your life group leader to help you get connected to Financial Peace University.