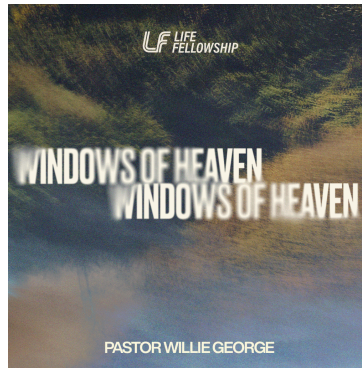




## The Windows of Heaven | Malachi 3:10

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# Small Group Guide

## Overview

This guide is based on a sermon exploring God's financial system -- how money flows through channels, the role of exchange, and the four biblical ways to convert resources into income. Use the questions and activities below to spark honest conversation and practical reflection within your group.

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## Key Takeaways

1. God designed money to flow through channels, not to appear randomly or without reason.
  2. Money always follows an exchange -- it moves from one person to another because something of value was offered in return.
  3. There are four things the Bible identifies that can be converted into money: work, wisdom, products, and capital.
  4. God's financial system includes built-in safeguards -- generosity and righteousness -- to keep money from becoming a misplaced priority.
  5. Fair exchanges honor God. Dishonest or deceptive transactions are described in Proverbs 11:1 as an abomination to him.
  6. Many people have missed significant opportunities because they allowed fear to stop them from acting on God-given ideas.
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## Discussion Questions

### Opening (Choose One to Get the Conversation Started)

- Growing up, what did your family teach you about money -- or what did they fail to teach you?
- Have you ever had what felt like a million-dollar idea that you never acted on? What held you back?

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### Going Deeper

1. Pastor Willie describes money flowing through "windows" and "channels" rather than appearing out of nowhere. How does this image change the way you think about your own finances?
  2. Pastor Willie says, "People don't get up in the morning thinking of all the ways they can give you their money." How does shifting your focus from getting money to creating value for others change your approach to work or business?
  3. Malachi 3:10 describes God opening the windows of heaven to pour out blessing. What channels or conduits do you currently have in your life through which financial blessing could flow? Are there any you feel God might be prompting you to develop?
  4. The sermon draws a parallel between electricity and money -- both need a conduit to be beneficial, and both can be destructive without one. What does a healthy financial conduit look like in your own life right now?
  5. Pastor Willie identifies four things that can be converted into money: work, wisdom, products, and capital. Which of these four are you currently using? Which ones have you not yet explored?
  6. Proverbs 8:18 connects wisdom with enduring riches and righteousness, suggesting that God's wisdom produces wealth without compromising integrity. Can you think of a time when following wise, principled decisions led to a better financial outcome than cutting corners would have?
  7. The sermon emphasizes that the voice of the Holy Spirit and the voice of wisdom are the same voice. How do you personally discern the difference between a Spirit-led financial decision and one driven by impulse or fear?
  8. Pastor Willie shares that God had a far bigger plan for his ministry than he initially imagined when he prayed small prayers. How might your financial goals or ideas be limited by the size of your prayers?
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## Reflection Questions

- Is money currently serving God in your life, or has it become a source of anxiety, distraction, or misplaced priority?
- Pastor Willie mentions that people who consistently have enough money tend to know how their money is going to come. How clearly can you identify the channels through which income flows into your life?
- Are there ideas you believe God has placed in you that you have been too afraid to pursue? What would it take to take one small step toward one of those ideas?

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## Practical Applications

Choose one or more of the following to work on before your group meets again.

1. **Map Your Channels.** Write down every source of income or financial exchange currently active in your life. Then ask yourself: Are these channels healthy and sustainable? Are there channels God might want you to open that you have been ignoring?
2. **Identify Your Four Sources.** Using the four categories -- work, wisdom, products, and capital -- evaluate which ones you are actively using and which ones you have never seriously considered. Spend time in prayer asking God whether there is an undeveloped source he wants you to explore.
3. **Think Like a Giver.** For one week, start each morning by asking: "What value can I offer someone today?" Keep a simple journal of how this shift in thinking affects your interactions, your work, and your attitude toward money.
4. **Revisit a God-Given Idea.** If you have had an idea in the past that you dismissed out of fear or doubt, write it down. Pray over it this week and ask God whether it is something worth revisiting. Share what you discover with your group.
5. **Study the Scriptures Referenced.** Read and meditate on Malachi 3:10, Genesis 13:2, Genesis 28:12, Proverbs 14:23, Proverbs 8:18, Proverbs 11:1, and Matthew 25. Consider keeping a short journal of what stands out to you from each passage.

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## Closing Prayer

Close your group time by praying together, asking God to give each member clarity about the financial channels he has designed for their lives, wisdom to pursue fair and honoring exchanges, and the courage to act on the ideas he has already placed within them.



