

## SERIES: Thriving In God's Economy

Serie Idea: We have a mandate from God to manage His money for His mission

### Biblical Strategy to End Financial Slavery

Main Idea: Implement biblical strategy in your economy to impact change for the Kingdom of God.

#### Strategy Session #4: Spend Your Money Responsibly

- **Main Idea:** Responsible spending is a wise example of biblical stewardship and discipleship.
- **Scripture References:** **Luke 14:25-33 (ESV)** *“Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,<sup>26</sup> ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?<sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.<sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”*

#### 1. Principle #1: Budgeting Begins with Vision (v.28)

- **Main Idea:** *Count the cost of how your financial decisions align with God's vision for your life.*
- **Scripture References:** *Proverbs 29:18, Habakkuk 2:2*

#### 2. Principle #2: Budgeting Requires Honest Evaluation (v.28)

- **Main Idea:** *Discipleship begins with truth—acknowledging we cannot walk out our faith on our own.*
- **Scripture References:** *Proverbs 27:23-24*

#### 3. Principle #3: Budgeting Involves Strategic Deliberation (v.31)

- **Main Idea:** *Jesus calls us to strategic discipleship—evaluating what it will take to finish well.*
- **Scripture References:** *Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 19:20-21, Proverbs 16:9*

#### 4. Principle #4: Budgeting Reflects Your True Intentions (v.33)

- **Main Idea:** *Jesus isn't just looking for our money—He's looking for our hearts.*
- **Scripture References:** *Matthew 6:21, Luke 18:18-24*

#### Call to Action:

- Write a vision statement for your finances this week.
- Build a basic budget and assess where your money is going.
- Pray over your budget—invite God into your financial decisions.
- Take one step toward financial faithfulness, whether it's saving, giving, or eliminating debt.