

Sermon: Reset: Your Finances

Big Idea: A gospel mindset of money begins with trusting God as our provider, living as faithful stewards, and rejecting the world's broken story about wealth.

Foundation of a Gospel Reset - God is our Provider - We are Managers

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:30–33

- God knows our needs
- Jobs, paychecks, and accounts are means of provision, not the source

Core Truth: If God is the provider, then what we have belongs to Him and is managed by us.

Competing Stories About Money

World vs Scripture

Contentment: World says contentment comes from the next purchase - Scripture says contentment is learned in Christ - Philippians 4:11–13

Debt: World says borrow to get what you want now - Scripture says the borrower is slave to the lender Proverbs 22:7

Wealth Building: World says make money fast - Scripture says gather little by little - Proverbs 13:11

Faithfulness: World says more money will fix the problem -Scripture says faithfulness starts with what you have - Luke 16:10

Generosity: The world says hold on tight – Scriptures says live generously with joy. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Big Picture Summary

- God is the provider & We are stewards
- God's wisdom produces freedom / The world's wisdom produces stress
- Generosity is the fruit, not the starting point

Practical Wisdom that can start today!

- Have a clear budget
- Live on less than you make
- Set short-term and long-term goals

Closing Thought: Resetting our view of money reshapes our trust, our peace, and our freedom. God's way is not always easy, but it is always better.

Devotion 1 God Is My Provider

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Reflection: Anxiety about money often reveals where we believe provision truly comes from. When bills stack up or the future feels uncertain, it is easy to believe everything rests on our effort, our income, or our planning. Jesus invites us into a different starting point. God is not unaware of our needs, nor is He distant from them. He is a Father who knows, sees, and provides. Trusting God as provider does not mean ignoring responsibility. It means refusing to carry a weight we were never meant to bear. Provision begins with trust before it ever shows up as a paycheck.

Challenge: Today, name one area where money causes anxiety. Pray and intentionally place that concern back in God’s hands. Say out loud, “God, You are my provider.” Let trust be your first step.

Devotion 2 Learning Contentment

Philippians 4:12 “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.”

Reflection: Contentment is not something we stumble into. Paul says it is something learned. The world constantly whispers that satisfaction is just one purchase away, one raise away, one upgrade away. But contentment rooted in Christ is not tied to circumstances. It is anchored in relationship. When Christ is enough, possessions lose their power. Discontent fuels debt, comparison, and restlessness. Contentment frees us to live with gratitude and clarity, no matter how much or how little we have.

Challenge: Today, resist the urge to chase “the next thing.” Instead, thank God for three specific things you already have. Let gratitude train your heart toward contentment.

Devotion 3 Open Hands, Open Hearts

2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Reflection: Generosity does not begin with money. It begins with trust. When we believe God is our provider, our grip loosens and our hands open. Generosity is not about pressure or guilt. It is a joyful response to God’s faithfulness. Giving reminds us that money is a tool, not a master. It trains our hearts to rely on God rather than possessions. A cheerful giver is not someone with extra money, but someone with settled trust.

Challenge: This week, practice generosity in a tangible way. Give financially, give time, or give encouragement. Pay attention to how generosity shifts your perspective and your joy.