

## Day 5 - Finances

“The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.” — Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

Have you ever felt like there's more month than money?


It's easy to feel stressed about finances — and even easier to live without margin. We spend everything we earn (and then some), hoping things will “settle down” eventually. But **MARGIN IN YOUR MONEY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN** — it's built on purpose.

God calls us to live with **WISDOM**, not pressure. He wants us to be free — not just financially stable, but free to be generous, obedient, and at peace.

When we don't make room in our finances, we live constantly on edge. One unexpected bill becomes a breakdown. One impulse decision becomes a credit card cycle. But when we create margin — when we spend less than we make, give first, save consistently, and steward well — we live with freedom, joy, and more peace.

Sometimes chaos in our life is self-induced. **TAKE CONTROL AND LIVE WITH MORE FREEDOM.**

Ways to take steps in your financial life:

- **START WITH GIVING** — Generosity is the foundation of biblical finance. When you put God first, He blesses the rest (Proverbs 3:9-10).
  - **LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS** — Just because you can afford it doesn't mean you should buy it. Simplicity builds margin.
  - **BUILD A BUFFER** — Saving isn't about fear — it's about wisdom. Margin today prevents panic tomorrow.
  - **BUDGET WITH PURPOSE** — Don't ask, “Can I buy this?” Ask, “Is this the best use of what God's entrusted to me?”
  - **DON'T COMPARE** — Culture screams, “More!” but God whispers, “Enough.” Find peace in contentment. Usually, the people we compare ourselves to aren't as well off as we think.
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Margin in your finances isn't about restriction — **IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM.** The freedom to give. The freedom to breathe. The freedom to obey.

**YOUR MONEY IS A TOOL, NOT A MASTER. MAKE ROOM SO IT SERVES GOD — NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.**

