

## SESSION TWO: Pursuing Financial Freedom

### EARNING AND SPENDING

#### Review

#### The WHY of Generous Living

- Faithful \_\_\_\_\_ (stewardship) of our resources brings \_\_\_\_\_ rewards.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ living reflects the great \_\_\_\_\_ of our God!

#### Values

- What we want \_\_\_\_\_ you, not what we want \_\_\_\_\_ you!
- “Live like no one else today so that you can live (and give) like no one else tomorrow!” —Dave Ramsey
- *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:2<sup>NIV</sup>

#### Introduction

God’s Cycle of Financial Stewardship

Earning

Spending

God looks \_\_\_\_\_  
upon how we handle our wealth. Luke 16:11

### **True Riches**

- From pride to gratitude
- From anxiety to trust
- From covetousness to contentment
- From indifference to love

Jesus also knew the potential risks of dealing with our  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 6:24

Over \_\_\_\_\_ verses in the Bible have to do with finances  
and our possessions.

Jesus talked more about material wealth than  
prayer, heaven, faith, hope, etc.!

God looks for \_\_\_\_\_ in managing His  
possessions (Matthew 25:21; Luke 16:1-2).

## **EARNING MONEY**

### **Work**

- \_\_\_\_\_% of people who go to work are unhappy, don't like  
their job, can't wait to quit or retire.

## God's View of Work

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ —was part of a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ . Genesis 2:15
- Work is \_\_\_\_\_ both in the Old Testament and New Testament. Exodus 20:9-10; 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- Work develops \_\_\_\_\_. Colossians 3:22
- Work is God's means of \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 4:28
- Work can/should bring \_\_\_\_\_ . Ephesians 6:7-8
- Work is God's way to provide for \_\_\_\_\_ family and for \_\_\_\_\_ in need. Ephesians 4:28
- What you \_\_\_\_\_ from working is what God has given you to spend.
- Contentment is not based on what we earn or have. It is a \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:12-13; 1 Timothy 6:6
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary marketing strategy in our culture. 1 Samuel 16:7; Romans 12:2

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**Extenuating Factors**

Minimal opportunity for work

Health, accident, infirmity/disability

Children and \_\_\_\_\_ : A problem in our affluent society which develops an \_\_\_\_\_ mentality.

## SPENDING YOUR MONEY

How we handle our money is an index of our true \_\_\_\_\_.

The more money we have, the more we reveal our character.

Luke 16:11

We need God's \_\_\_\_\_ in this area.

Isaiah 55:8-9

The most significant difference in God's view of material wealth and

our view is that the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is the central focus.

Who is the \_\_\_\_\_?

What is His \_\_\_\_\_?

There are only three categories to our spending:

Through \_\_\_\_\_

Into \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

*".. to have a balanced financial plan and a balanced life, you must spend, save, and give a part of every dollar."*

*Asking About Asking, Stroman, p. xv*