

SESSION 2

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# PURSUING FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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### 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*

#### ROMANS 12:2 NIV

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### Introduction

#### God’s Cycle of Financial Stewardship:

- Earning
- Spending

#### DEUTERONOMY 29:5 NIV

Yet the LORD says, “During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.”

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

## True Riches

- From pride to gratitude. DEUTERONOMY 8:14ff
- From anxiety to trust. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
- From covetousness to contentment. 1 TIMOTHY 6:6; PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13
- From indifference to love. MATTHEW 22:36ff

Jesus 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
— *actually God's work!* GENESIS 2:15
- Work is \_\_\_\_\_ both in the Old Testament and New Testament.  
EXODUS 20:9-10; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10

## Changing Demands of the Workforce

*From Gallup: It's the Manger*

### PAST

My Paycheck  
My Satisfaction  
My Boss  
My Annual Review  
My Weaknesses  
My Job

### FUTURE

My Purpose  
My Development  
My Coach  
My Ongoing Conversations  
My Strengths  
My Life

- 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  
\_\_\_\_\_. ECCLESIASTES 5:10;  
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 \_\_\_\_\_.

LUKE 16:11

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

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*