

TAKING IT HOME

1. The way we spend our money is more of a HEART issue and a FAITH issue than it is a MONEY issue. Do you find that statement to be encouraging or challenging?

2. When it comes to our finances, what encouragement do you receive from these verses?

SCRIPTURE:	ENCOURAGEMENT:
Proverbs 6:6-8	
Proverbs 3:9-10	
Matthew 6:19-21	
Matthew 6:31-33	
2 Corinthians 8:7	
2 Corinthians 9:7-8	

3. Take a moment to think about the financial “vital signs” mentioned during the talk. Which one do you think you need to focus on during this season? Where will you be next year if you don’t?

Realistic Budget

Freedom from Debt

Wise Saving

Generous Giving

4. What is my next right step of obedience?

Vital Signs // Week 3

*She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. **Proverbs 31:16, 20, 25***

Everything I have has been _____ by God.

*The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. **Psalm 24:1***

*Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! **1 Chronicles 29:12***

*He did all this so you would never say to yourself, “I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.” Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful... **Deuteronomy 8:17-18***

2 important questions to ask:

1. What have I been _____ ?

2. How will I _____ it?

MEMORY VERSE:

*When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required. **Luke 12:48***

*Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19***



MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

4 financial “vital signs”:

1. A realistic _____.

*Do your planning and prepare your field before building your house. **Proverbs 24:27***

2. Freedom from _____.

*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. **Proverbs 22:7***

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

1 Timothy 6:6-7

3. Wise _____.

*The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get. **Proverbs 21:20***

*Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, for riches don't last forever, & the crown might not be passed to the next generation. **Proverbs 27:23-24***

4. Generous _____.

*The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25***

*Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. **Proverbs 3:9***

*Since you excel in so many ways... I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving... You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. **2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:7-8***

BOTTOM LINE: We have been blessed to be a _____ !

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Group Season starts up again on January 30th! Groups are one of the best ways to connect with others and grow in your faith. During this season, use these questions for personal reflection, OR with your Group if your Group is currently meeting.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is the first thing you'd do if you ACTUALLY won the lottery?

2. Jeremiah said that we have won the “birth lottery”. Which of the gifts you were given at birth do you feel have blessed you the most?

DIGGING INTO IT

1. Read **1 Timothy 6:6-10**. In your opinion, what does “contentment” look like in our society? What does “generosity” look like?

2. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. In your own words, what is the “TRUE LIFE” that Paul mentions to Timothy in this letter? How does that connect to the way that we spend our “extra”?

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” **James 1:22**

