



FOR CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND FAMILY BIBLE STUDY TIMES



HOME – (a family that wants you to grow):

Afrikaans Midweek Service: Wednesdays, 19:00 – 20:00 at the Church Office.
Please register on your ChurchSuite App. Only 50 people allowed.



UP – (let's worship God first):

Pray - Open up in a prayer of gratitude. What are you thankful for? (*Thankfulness towards God, cultivates a lifestyle of worship.*)



BACK – (let's reflect on last week):

Testimonies - Any testimonies for what you are thankful for? How did last week's lesson impact your life? Have you applied it in your life or shared it with someone else last week? (*Testimonies builds our faith and accountability cultivates a lifestyle of obedience.*)



IN – (together discover new truths):

Discover – What new truths can we learn from the following verses?
(*Word based convictions, cultivates a lifestyle of truth and faith.*)

Financial Sermon Series: Good Stewards

What should we understand about money before we start this conversation?

1 Timothy 6:10 (ESV)

For *the love of money* is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from *the* faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

Keep your life free from *love of money*, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

- How do people's lives look if they have a "love of money"?
- Talk about the "love of money" in your life?
- How does the love of money effect your relationship with Jesus Christ?

- How can you weigh up ambition to grow in yourself or business with the fact that you need to be content with what you have?

God is after our hearts and His grace is abundant for us. He was the first to approach us with His redeeming love and offered us eternal life.

Please read the following verses and answer the questions in your group:

1 John 2:15 (ESV)

Do not *love the world* or *the things in the world*. If anyone loves *the world*, *the love of the Father* is not in him.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

But *seek first the kingdom* of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- How does the words “love the world” or “the things of the world” affect the way you see finances (money)?
- How will you go about seeking God’s kingdom in your life? (Lordship)
- What can you change your dependency on money and place it fully on God?
- Does this mean you are no longer responsible to work for an income? (1 Tim 5:8)

What happens when I give?

When I give, God will bless with His results.

I cannot be exhaustive, but let me mention five results:

A. My family and I will be blessed.

God **blesses faith and obedience** which are at the heart of biblical giving.

If you give, God promises to supply your needs (not your wants! -- Phil. 4:17-19).

B. Others’ needs will be met (Phil. 4:16, 18; 2 Cor. 8:13-14; 9:12). God’s work and workers will not be hindered. The needs of the poor will be met.

C. God will be thanked and glorified (2 Cor. 9:11-13, 15). He will get the praise if we give His way.

D. The Body of Christ will be united in prayer and fellowship (2 Cor. 9:14). Since your heart follows your treasure, you will be concerned about and will pray for those to whom you give.

E. People will spend eternity with God because of your giving. How can you put a price tag on that? What could possibly be more important?

God wants our hearts to belong to Him. Our relationship with Him is our number one priority and seeking to please the King of Kings. Money and our worldly ambitions should not come between us and our relationship with our Lord.



OUT – (let's apply what we have just learned):

Application – Reflecting on today's scripture discoveries, what convicts you?
What do you feel the Holy Spirit is asking you to do?

1 John 1:9 Says that, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us all our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Has your love of money separated you from your relationship with God?

- Take time to repent about not seeking God first, and that you allowed your selfish ambitions to replace the plans God has for you.
- Let the Holy Spirit talk to you about how you should change things from how they are now.

Take some time and commit to allow these truths to transform you. End off praying for lost people.