

Money Matters 101

Quarterly Study

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE FOR STUDY 3

Finding Financial Freedom

An exit strategy for those who don't want to want more anymore.

A great number of Americans today are enslaved by money. They're in bondage to their creditors, the consumer culture, and their own insatiable appetites for more and more stuff. The purpose of this Bible study is to provide biblical steps to financial freedom. If you want your life to count, you have to master your money.

Lesson #3

Scripture:

Proverbs 11:24; 13:6-16; 17:16; 22:26-27

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PART 1

Identify the Current Issue

If we want our lives to count, we need to learn how to handle our money. Many people today have trouble managing their personal finances. Money makes a good servant, but a lousy master (Matthew 6:24). If you want your life to count, you have to master (not manage) your money.

PART 2

Discover the Eternal Principles

Teaching point one: Transfer ownership of everything to God.

Teaching point two: We need to break the silence and seek out honest, reliable counsel when making financial decisions.

[Q] With which statement do you find yourself agreeing most:

- 1) How I spend my money is my business. I don't think anyone else should be involved.
- 2) I don't know anything about finances. I need help.
- 3) I know my finances are a mess, but it would be embarrassing to admit it.
- 4) I would like advice on how to cut my expenses so that I can give more.

Teaching point three: Christians must have a financial plan to be good stewards.

Teaching point four: Minimize debt, live with less, and enjoy it more.

PART 3

Apply Your Findings

In a normal lifespan, we all have about 30,000 days to work with here on Earth. We will be accountable for what we do with them. The average American, working a steady job for 40 years, will see several million dollars pass through his or her hands. God will hold us accountable for what we do with that money.

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—By Bryan Wilkerson, with JoHannah Reardon

