



My Finances – Week Six

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

Over the last weeks, you've discovered how to reset your relationship with God, your identity, your heart, your purpose, and your relationships with others. Today, we conclude the *Reset* series with some practical tools to reset your finances.

Discussion Questions

If you watched Pastor Steve's sermon message, what resonated most with you?

Did you know that 16 of the 38 parables of Jesus and over 2,350 verses in the Bible are about how we should handle money and possessions? The reality is financial strain has always been one of the greatest causes of anxiety. It's clear through Scripture that God wants us to know His perspective and plan in this critical area.

- How would you describe society's view of money?

Three Money Myths

To reset our finances, we must first reset our *thinking* as it relates to money. Let's start by dispelling **Three Money Myths** that can steal your peace and lead to financial distress.

1. **All I need is a little bit more to make me happy.**
According to this philosophy, *more* is always the solution. The truth is you can't use a material thing to meet an emotional or spiritual need. Why is this myth believable?
 - **1 Timothy 6:6** says: *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.*

- While we're invited to ask and believe God to give us increase, it's important to recognize that our joy comes from knowing God, not from what we have. What is God speaking to you about your view of finances as it relates to your happiness?

2. It will all work out somehow.

This myth is often driven by fear or lack of intentionality. What are other reasons people might believe this myth?

- The wise King Solomon wrote in **Proverbs 21:5**, *Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.*
- This passage speaks of establishing a financial plan in advance. Do you feel like you have a good plan for your finances?
- The **10-10-80 PLAN** (if followed) could help you reset your finances.
 - **(10%) Pay God First**
The *first* 10% of any financial increase is *returned* to God. (**Malachi 3:10**)
 - **(10%) Pay yourself**
After paying God, use wisdom to save or store away for days to come.
 - **(80%) Pay everyone else**
Bills and debt fall into this category.

3. My stuff belongs to me

Acknowledging that everything belongs to God is the beginning of living in financial freedom. King David writes in **Psalms 24:1**, *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.*

- How can you apply this principle in your life and your finances?

Life Challenge

Remember, it's not about how much you have but what you do with it. If you don't currently have a financial plan in place, commit to one or both of the following steps:

- Sit down and write out the 10-10-80 PLAN with your family or spouse. If you're single, consider asking a trustworthy friend to help you be accountable. Set a date to begin implementing your plan.
- Plan to join a Financial Peace University (FPU) Group this Fall. You'll learn practical baby steps toward financial freedom. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/fpu to learn more.

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your abundant provision. Everything belongs to You, God. I ask You to provide for me and my family's financial needs and to teach me, Lord, how to wisely manage my finances. You are generous and desire to bless me above and beyond what I imagine. Pray for the specific needs of the group.