

The Glamorous Life

How to handle your money

“If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” Luke 16:11 (NIV)

DISCUSSION: The kingdom life says you are the manager/steward of your finances; that you are to love the Giver and not the gift. How are you being a good manager of your finances? Are you ready to give an account for your management of your money?

1. **Work hard**

“Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.” 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NLT)

“Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.” Proverbs 13:11 (NCV)

DISCUSSION: How are you currently working hard in your life? How are you consistently and diligently working hard over a long period of time?

2. **Keep records**

“Riches can disappear fast...so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and herds” Proverbs 27: 23-24 (LB)

“Get the facts at any price!” Proverbs 23:23(LB)

DISCUSSION: How are you keeping good records? In what areas do you feel that your record keeping needs to improve?

DISCUSSION: How quickly could you determine into what categories your money is being spent?

3. Plan your spending

“Plan carefully and you will have plenty: if you act too quickly you will never have enough.” Proverbs 21:5 (GN)

“... stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.” Proverbs 21:20b (GN)

“Why spend money on what does not satisfy?” Isaiah 55:2 (NIV)

DISCUSSION: What obstacles keep you from planning your spending? Do you have a budget? Does it work?

DISCUSSION: What motivates you to spend money you don't have?

4. Return your tithe

“Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow!” Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB)

“Bring to my storehouse a full tenth of what you earn... Test me in this, says the Lord. I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.” Malachi 3:10 (NCV)

DISCUSSION: Share with the group as to what decision you have made about tithing, since last week? Why did you make that decision?

DISCUSSION: God wants to bless His children who are a blessing. How are you blessing Him with your money? What insight about giving to God have you received since you began this discussion on tithing?

5. Save for the future

“The wise man saves for the future...” Proverbs 21:20 (LB)

DISCUSSION: How are you saving for the future? What obstacles are preventing you from preparing for the future the way you know you should?

6. Enjoy what you have

PRAYER PROJECT: Take 5 minutes and sit alone with the Lord and have a conversation with Him. Ask Him, “To what degree am I content with my life?” Then ask, “To what degree am I discontent with my life?”

Then take another 5 minutes and ask Him, “What is keeping me both content and discontent?”