

## “THE PATH TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM (Part 1 of 2)”

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### What is Financial Freedom?

1. Having all your needs supplied (Phil. 4:19, 15-18; 1Tim. 5:8).
2. Being content with what you have (Lk. 12:15; 1Tim. 6:6, 8, 10).
3. Not having excess debt (Prov. 22:7; 1Cor. 7:23).

### What is Excess Debt?

- A. Paying more interest than good stewardship warrants.
  - B. Having difficulty paying your debts off (Ps. 37:21)
  - C. Causing undue stress (Phil. 4:6).
4. Giving all that God wants you to give (2Cor. 9:8 NCV).
  5. Being available for God to use your finances to bless others (2Cor. 9:11 TLB).

### Should the Church Talk About Money?

1. Jesus talked a lot about money.
2. Why would that make you uncomfortable?
3. Do you avoid other places that only want your money (stores, restaurants, coffee shops, etc.)?

### Are You Where You Want to be Financially?

1. If not, why not?
2. What do you need to do differently?
3. Will things change if you keep doing things the same?

### THE FOUR CORNERSTONES OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

1. Working - a strong work ethic (Dt. 8:18; Prov. 10:4; Ecc. 9:10; Col. 3:23-24).
2. Managing.
  - A. Wisely budget your income (Matt. 25:14-30).
    - 1) If you want more to steward, be more faithful with what you do have.
    - 2) God holds us accountable for our stewardship and rewards us accordingly.
  - B. Take care of what you have (Prov. 24:30-34).

### Additional Principles of Stewardship

1. God owns it all (Ps. 24:1; 50:10; Hag. 2:8).
2. We are stewards (1Pet. 4:10; 1Cor. 4:1).
3. We are called to be faithful stewards and are rewarded accordingly (1Cor. 4:2; Matt. 25:14-30).

### THE FOUR CORNERSTONES OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

1. Working.
2. Managing.
3. Praying [with faith] (Matt. 6:9a, 11; Mk. 11:24; Ja. 4:2-3; 1Jn. 5:14-15).

**CONCLUSION:** We will look at the fourth Cornerstone of Biblical Stewardship next week. God wants you to have financial freedom! To what degree do you have financial freedom? What is God saying to you this morning? What should you do differently in 2026? Will you???