
USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Putting God first brings order to everything, including finances - the importance of wise stewardship and the principle of the first. Teach practical steps like budgeting, tracking spending, and prioritizing God in finances.

» Main Points

- Spy on Your Money
- Follow the Formula
- Act your Wage
- Leave a Legacy

» Getting Started

- Growing up, how was financial responsibility modeled for you? How has that impacted your relationship with money today?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Matthew 6:21-6:19-34](#); [Proverbs 6:1-4-5](#); [21:20](#); [22:7](#); [Hebrews 7:8](#); [Exodus 13:2-14](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

**reachout**

- Stewardship refers to taking care of the things that are important to you. This includes people. How are you stewarding your relationships with neighbors, co-workers, and friends?

**growdeep**

- Which one of these best describes how you would explain where your money goes each month:
 - I couldn't tell you the first thing about where my money goes.
 - I'm not exactly sure where it all goes, but I know where too much goes.
 - I know where and how every dollar is spent.
- Reread Matthew 6:19-34. If it's true that no one can serve both God and money, what are the differences between the person who serves money and the person who serves God?
- If money is intended to be a means to something rather than the meaning of life, what would be a winning statement for your money? What is it if it's not just consumption, upgrades, and waste?

**partner
with families**

- Allow your family to learn about stewardship this week. Some ideas to help kids learn about stewardship would be: 1) Have your kids help you grocery shop, then take turns preparing meals. 2) Use a chore chart this week to help your family see everything and all the time needed to help keep your family up and running.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- What are some words that describe what you want your relationship with God to look like? How can putting God and others first in the area of your money help you take a step toward that kind of relationship?
- Close by praying this prayer: Lord, help us to leave a legacy that goes beyond anything we could think, dream, or imagine. Help us shift our hearts, minds, and finances now so future generations can be impacted in the years to come.