

GOD'S BLESSING OF IDENTIFYING AND REJECTING FALSE FINANCIAL CONCEPTS

LEADER'S GUIDE

For Lesson 3



Providing "GOD'S NEW LIFESTYLE OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM"

Pro 14:12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

Thank you for your participation!

We hope that you are learning new things that are helping you to think God's thoughts about finances. As you accept these principles in your own life and live by them, you will have lots to share with your group of how God is working in your life.

THE LEADER'S HOME PREPARATION

Please review and analyze what was most helpful for your Lesson 2 preparation.

Did everyone in the group prepare Lesson 2 at home prior to coming to class?

Did pre-reading and filling out that lesson help participation in class?

Just reminding you, there is NO need to prepare a lecture.

There are 5 steps you should take during your lesson preparation:

1) **Pray**

before you prepare a new lesson that God would open your heart and your mind to His principles, that He would give you insight, and that He would help you to make these principles part of your own life. A good way to do this would be to read each title in the lesson and briefly pray over that part (without reading the details).

2) **Read** this lesson preferably a week prior to class meeting

3) **Answer** all questions yourself on paper.

4) **Discuss** the material with a spouse or friend.

5) **Pray**

for your group that they would come with open hearts. That God would work in and through them. That they would understand the great joy the Lord desires for them as they seek to come closer to Him. It would be excellent if you prayed for each individual in your group by name.

Collect and write down personal financial illustrations and examples that would apply to this lesson or previous lessons.

Are there other helpful things you want to add to your preparation?

LESSON PRESENTATION

TOTAL anticipated time for Lesson 3 is 2 hours and 13 minutes

Remember that this lesson is based on **discussions**.

DO NOT BEGIN BY PRAYER! *Begin with testimonies!*

One of the greatest ways to begin a lesson is by requesting testimonies about the Lord's enablement in applying the last 2 lessons. As you begin the third lesson, review the first two lessons through testimonies

from your group. Testimonies will bind the group together. Testimonies bring our living God into the middle of group.

NOW – After the testimonies, this is the time for prayers of praise, gratitude and admiration to the MOST HIGH.

Testimonies first, followed by praise, gratitude and admiration will set a glorious stage for this session

This is a very active lesson, it consists of 9 parts

Each participant must have a lesson – if needed make more photocopies.

These lessons are self-contained. Attendees need pens. Have a few extra ones available.

Should attendees wish for additional lesson copies the leader may supply an extra copy.

Think of other tools you may want to use during this session and prepare accordingly.

Make sure to lead your members toward signing the commitment note. This is the climax of each lesson. Their signature indicates he/she is taking the next step towards receiving Financial Freedom from Jesus.

At the close pass out Lesson 4, with encouragement to read it and complete the questionnaires prior to the next session.

LESSON GUIDE

In our day and age, almost anything can be disguised with a promise of success. We would therefore be wise to examine the slogans we hear before their lies begin to influence the decisions we make. For example is it right to say that "If I think, act, and look successful, I will become successful"? Is it true that becoming the president of the company is the ultimate business objective, or that there is nothing of real value in being poor? What about practices such as working late or striving to eliminate competition? While these may appear logical at first, one who learns to understand cause and effect will realize that "there is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). This lesson could save you a great deal of sorrow.

1. IDENTIFY AND REJECT FALSE FINANCIAL CONCEPTS

pp. 1–2 > 10 min <

ABRAHAM – *A great obtainer of unseen riches*

Our Bible example in this lesson is from the life of Abraham, a Godly man, a man of faith.

Read these 3 Bible verses and explain them to your group

Rejecting Entanglements (Gen. 13:23) – Follow this up with the question: "*How did Abraham reject an entanglement? What is the story behind this verse?*"

Discover God's Thoughts (Isa. 55:8) – After someone reads this ask: "*Who has discovered a principle already that is hard for us humans to understand? What is it?*"

Yielding affections (Gen. 22:12) – Read together and then ask: "*Can someone name a time of having yielded specific affections in their life?*" Follow this testimony with a brief prayer of gratitude by another person.

2. CAN YOU IDENTIFY FALSE CONCEPTS?

p. 3 > 10 min < PERSONAL EVALUATION

If someone did not do the personal evaluation, have them quickly do it before the session begins.

This Personal Evaluation really helps people to think about what they are hearing and where it comes from.

Let's check how well they answered this at home.

Make sure each person has totaled both their 'TRUE' and 'FALSE' answers.

When all are finished share the answers:

The answer to each question is 'FALSE'. Therefore the score will be their total of 'false' answers.

Limit the discussion as the explanation comes in the next part. Better to spend time in discussion then.

EVALUATION SCORE:

Share the 4 Evaluation Categories.

For each of the 4 categories ask attendees who fit that category to raise their hands. This provides identification, camaraderie, and group vision and the need to explore God's plan for Financial Freedom in-depth. (Laugh a lot – joke a lot).

My friends, to what degree can you identify false financial concepts?

Who has 16 correct answers – raise your hands. Congratulations, YOU ARE WISE.

Who has 15-13 correct answers – raise your hands. Great – YOU HAVE INSIGHT.

Who has 12-9 correct answers – raise your hands – YOU still NEED INSIGHT.

Who has 8-0 'answers – you don't need to raise your hands – STUDY THIS LESSON CAREFULLY.

"Since my money is God's money, every spending decision I make is a spiritual decision."

- John Hagee

Brothers and sisters, we will **all** benefit from the next few pages; learn God's Scriptural principles for finances, and gain "FINANCIAL FREEDOM"!

Please copy these 4 categories in your notes behind each of the corresponding numbers. You will need this information for later review or discussion with your spouse or friend.

Let me repeat the 4 category statements now.

16 correct = You are wise

15-13 correct = You have insight

12-9 correct = You need insight

8-0 correct = Study this lesson carefully

People often think they know a lot about finances and that they know how to handle money. But the question is, are they doing it Biblically. Most people need to discover that in reality they do not know much about how to live a Godly Financial Lifestyle. This will come as a great shock. Hoorah! This is the motivation that you are looking for to stimulate them to attend all lessons. The next part will explain and generate discussion about the false concepts.

3. LEARN THE DANGERS OF FALSE FINANCIAL CONCEPTS

pp. 4–6 > 30 min <

Read the Introductory note and Bible verse.

Ask your group to think for one minute on the opening sentence – "To allow error to remain in your mind is like allowing poison to remain in your body."

What comes to mind? How do you feel about walking around with this poison in your soul?

Have a ***spirited*** discussion.

Future lessons depend upon the comprehension of the material that follows. It can be quite overwhelming. Give people time to let it all sink in.

Explain the reading process and that a discussion will follow. Have different ones read each of the 16 points out loud and the text that follows. (Make sure the group can hear them well). After the reading of each point have a 10-second pause. During that time ask if something is not clear.

Should a further explanation be necessary, ask several people what they think the answer would be, or why it is written that way.

Discussion is good – very good – but MEASURE your time!

If you do not get satisfactory answers, tell them that these concepts will be covered in later lessons. This stimulates further provoking thoughts and a desire to attend again.

You as the leader answer or explain things only when a dilemma occurs – move on – cover the whole lesson.

(The Leader's job is to speak/preach/teach as little as possible □).

4. WHY WE MUST TRACE WEALTH TO ITS TRUE SOURCE

p. 7 > 15 min <

Begin this part by reviewing the key FF memory verses " (Deuteronomy 8:11, 17-18).

- Repeat them as a group
- Ask capable individuals to repeat it alone – perhaps 3 individuals
- Finally have the group repeat it once more.

Now elicit discussion on each of the 5 factors which control wealth.

Have one to three members interact / explain or argue against each of the 5 captions in the circles.

Stick to one caption at a time!

The closing statement on this page indicates a breaking of which of the TEN COMMANDMENTS?

What does it mean???

5. SECURITY: THE REWARD OF TRACING ALL WEALTH TO GOD

p. 8 > 10 min <

Let the group read each of the 5 items, one at a time. Then ask a question for each of the 5 points (circles).

1. Does God still create? What is God's most precious creation today?

*Answer – The conception of and giving birth to a **never dying soul** – which we sometimes thoughtlessly call babies.*

2. At what time in our life can we expect all our human needs be fulfilled?

Answer – Never – we will always have additional desires. God designed us to need HIM always.

3. What is more important – Wisdom or Knowledge? (*Wisdom!*) What is the best place to obtain wisdom?

Answer – Spending much time in reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures.

4. Can we trust God for abnormal physical strength and mental capabilities? (like Bible heroes)

Answer – The NT promises us to be holy (1 Pet 2:9), and obtain supernatural power (Eph. 3:20)

5. Are negative circumstances the result of our Biblical ignorance and neglect to implement God's desires?

Answer – 1Tim. 6:6 – Such godliness and contentment produces PRAISE. Praise rules over and changes our circumstances.

The group may desire to use other forms of interaction – you are free to use alternate ways. Just keep thinking of ways to make it interesting.

6. REJECT FALSE CONCEPTS

p. 9 > 30 min <

Here is a great opportunity to have your group interact on a personal level.

Divide them into two teams. One team takes God's Way for the first 5 points and the other team takes Man's Way. (A team may consist of one person or several.) The goal is for each team to defend that point of view.

After covering 5 points each team takes the opposite side for points 6-10. The presentations should reflect intense struggles.

Make sure the „Man's Way“ team firmly expresses THAT point of view. As believers it sometimes is uncomfortable to express a worldly view and we tend to become withdrawn

In real life however these are very DEEP issues that nearly all our church members struggle with from time to time. And we see the worldly viewpoint acted out daily in society around us.

Personal Commitment to God's Financial Concepts

This discussion should elicit deep feelings and bring each person to a clear desire to sign the Commitment to God's Financial Concepts.

It is your job as instructor to bring this lesson to a great climax by having each person desperately wanting to sign the commitment. After all, their desire to sign the agreement is a show of congratulations for you the instructor. God used you! You produced fruit! You are helping to change lives.

No group members should criticize someone who is not ready to respond. Give people room to grow a bit slower.

A TESTIMONY: In a trial group for this course students were so eager to obtain God's Financial Blessing and enter into a whole new lifestyle; they signed the commitment on their own initiative as soon as they had an opportunity!

7. HOW DID GOD ILLUSTRATE HIS CONTROL OVER WEALTH

p. 10 > 8 min < Basic Quiz Number 3

Four easy questions to gain a deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures in regard to finances.

Share the answers to make sure everyone has them correct.

Answers: 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.D

Have a short discussion on each point.

Center the discussion around, „If this had been me, what would my natural response have been?“

Ask one or two people to respond to each Biblical example.

8. WHO FOLLOWED FALSE FINANCIAL CONCEPTS?

p. 11 > 10 min < Advanced Quiz Number 3

Verify that everyone has answered these 8 questions by writing in the proper letter in each box.

The Bible references are for home review later.

Review the answers and form an opinion of what the understanding of the different individuals really is. .

<i>The</i>	<i>Leader's</i>	<i>Answer</i>	<i>Key</i>	<i>is:</i>
<i>1.F Builders of Babel</i>	<i>2.D Absalom</i>	<i>3.H satan</i>	<i>4.A The rich farmer</i>	<i>5.C Wall builders</i>
<i>6.G Rich man</i>	<i>7.B The rich young ruler</i>	<i>8.E Rehoboam</i>		

When sharing answers always use the names, not only the numbers. Your group needs to learn to identify financially with actual Bible people.

Should wrong answers occur, have them read the Bible verse. If it is still unclear you can ask someone to explain it.

9. CAN YOU IDENTIFY DECEPTIVE FINANCIAL CONCEPTS IN ADVERTISING?

p. 12 > 10 min < Comprehensive Quiz Number 3

Confirm that everyone filled in the quiz..

Go around the group and have each person give an answer to one point –.

Ask other members if the answer is correct – if correct quickly move on to the next person.

If the answer is incorrect let a discussion develop so that the members themselves can explain what the correct answer is and why.

REMEMBER: You – the leader -- lead, guide, direct, question, but you need to keep everyone talking.

Everyone MUST orally participate; this is crucial. When people put things into words they are able to clarify their thinking, and it sticks with them much longer.

The Leader's Answer Key is: 1.E 2.G 3.I 4.C 5.B 6.H 7.F 8.D 9.K 10.A 11.J

Distribute Lesson # 4 and instruct that this lesson be read and the Personal Evaluation be filled out at home prior to the next meeting. The Personal Evaluation on p. 3 should be done BEFORE they read the lesson.

Close with PRAYER –

Thank God for HIS desire to provide deliverance from false financial concepts. Request the Holy Spirit to provide extra wisdom during moments of temptation or confusion.

Contact Information for God's Blessing of Financial Freedom

General info, Training, follow-up, help – Vera Lavrinenko – 096 254 33 24

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