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Is this true? - Do you think this is true?
If so, then how does that work, is evident, or is revealed in our daily lives?
In actuality this JOY & FULLNES is a daily experiment!
Discovering God’s Financial Blessings provides astonishing answers.

**PRESENTING
THE GREAT EXPERIMENT**

Discovering God’s Financial Blessings

Sow NOW

Harvest LATER

1) Give	2) Receive	3) Manage
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Introducing the purpose, scope and effectiveness of God’s Financial Blessings leading to Freedom. It is God’s desire to abundantly supply His Kingdom churches with extra funds to carry out the great task of world evangelism.

This is a presentation and explanation of God’s Financial Blessings materials to pastors, deacons, and other church leaders or church-group leaders.

The leadership of our Denomination would like to present a deeper and more Biblical financial understanding to our members. Many of our church members are in desperate need of knowing Biblical financial principles. Most of our church members have no spiritual idea of what finances are all about.

Our Denomination has prepared a financial “gift” for our church members.

This consists of **20** lessons on giving, receiving, and managing money the Bible way.

This gift will free us from our regular Ukrainian corruption and financial difficulties.

The gift is called: “**A Lifestyle of Financial Freedom**”.

You are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity.

All through the Bible God our Heavenly Father strongly indicates that He wants to **give** something to us rather than take something from us.

This exuberant giving that God Himself desires to share is our basis for Financial Freedom.

This is what we want to offer to each and every one of our members.

"Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables of Jesus deal with money.

One out of ten verses in the New Testament deals with that subject.

Scripture offers about five hundred verses on prayer, fewer than five hundred on faith,
'but' over two thousand on money.

The believer's attitude toward money and possessions is determinative."

- John MacArthur

THE GREAT TRANSITION

Marriage, emigrating--these require a complete change in lifestyle. So does departing from worldly financial bondage and entering into God's ways of financial freedom. Such things take thought, meditation, and **two** decisions – one, to depart; and the other to join-for-life. And what time does it take for a marriage? Usually 3 months or so of preparation and usually 3 months or more of honeymooning. What is God's design for delivering a baby? Nine months of pregnancy and nine months of nursing and restoration. What is God's annual plan for nature? Three months of winter rest and 9 months of activity. Moving from *bondage* to *freedom* is truly a GREAT TRANSITION and it takes time.

We as human beings are very limited in our time frames.

Perhaps we would do well to attempt this great transition in a time frame of 9 months to a year.

So let us take a further look at developing an optimum time frame.

DEVELOPING YOUR OPTIMUM TIME FRAME

It takes time to comprehend and develop a desire to change our lifestyle. Change is hard! WHY? Change has to do with moving from comfortable (the way we always did it) to discomfort during the season of transition, until finally you arrive on the other side and begin to reap the benefits.

Because we all think that we have done it correctly, new information that provides better ways takes time to understand, embrace, internalize and apply. To shed past habits and patterns takes 3 months. To experiment and attempt new ways also takes 3 months. To become free from the past and also free and relaxed in your new lifestyle takes another 3 months. Even then we are only novices and more time is required before we develop a comfortable and relaxed new approach to financial temptations. So it takes about 9 months to a year to become the conquerors and victorious ones that God has intended for His people to be.

To attain God's Financial Contentment rests entirely upon the participants' home use of the material.

We invite you to think about this time frame, to pray about it. Yes, you will most likely agree that a hurried shorter time to push the lessons through will very likely result in little financial freedom and probably no new lifestyle. People simply need time!

Perhaps slowing down and taking 2 years to accomplish this might be another option. But the pressures of life will force your people to continue using their old worldly habits and unable to apply the next step. In a long drawn out process, the next "step" becomes the next "jump". (Like taking one driver's lesson a month – it would be a long time before one learned to drive a car.) The outstanding Biblical example is the slow and prolonged conquering of Palestine under Joshua. The conquest became a failure and produced a mixture of old false ways and new attempts. The Book of Judges highlights this failure and the people remained in partial bondage and never attained full freedom as God intended until King David. Mark this well! Avoid the pitfalls of a too slow approach.

This time frame is our recommendation, but the choice is yours. You are free to implement financial freedom as best as your local situation enables you.

GUIDING YOUR MEMBERS THROUGH THE PROCESS

Twenty steps are a lot of steps. Twenty decisions are a lot of decisions. Nine months to evoke a deep permanent change in your members is a long time. How shall we go about accomplishing that?

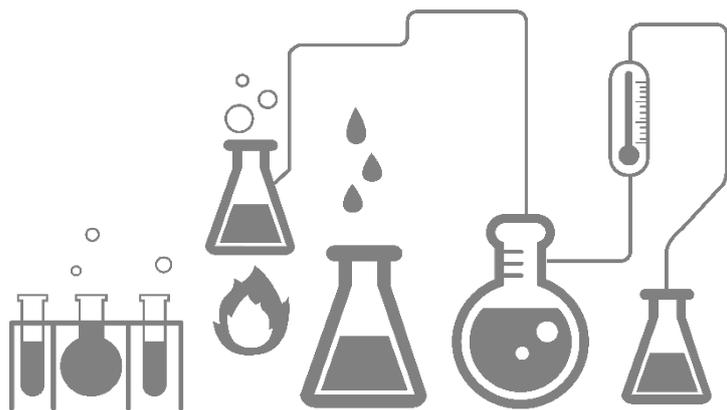
A weekly plan is simple and might fit several groups. Some churches wish to expose all their members--how wonderful! Some pastors wish to teach the whole congregation--another excellent possibility. Others wish to focus on groups of unbelievers--it would be a good form of evangelism. There are still many other forms and groups such as ladies groups, youth groups, etc.

This all takes some planning and local church coordination. The following may help you think through some of the possible approaches. The GFB material will be covered in a total of **20** sessions, plus an introductory session and a concluding celebration, and a future application.

The GFB material itself is extremely varied. It varies all the way from 'God's Warnings' and 'Dealing with Swindlers' to 'Listening to your Wife'. Because of the variety of topics a high interest is maintained. Thus doing one lesson weekly will work for most groups. Other situations may require a session every other week.

In some cases a special day may be called for the whole congregation. Perhaps on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. In that event it would be well to cover **two** lessons in the same day. An hour break for lunch, tea, or rest in between would be very productive. Due to the varied topics and high interest levels there is the possibility to present one lesson as part of the Sunday Evening meeting. In order to stay within the suggested 9 month time frame it might be well for some groups to have a quarterly 'catch-up' session, or one or two "additional" sessions. On special holidays some other forms of additional sessions might work well. If you as a leader are committed to producing a 'whole new lifestyle of financial freedom' for your church members, you will be able to find ways to cover the materials effectively. You are God's leader for your local church so you are free to explore the best suitable ways.

PROCEEDING TOWARDS ULTIMATE FREEDOM



to do it His way, freedom begins.

The next 14 steps (lessons) focus on how to receive God's benefits.

The first 5 steps (lessons) prepare you and your people to participate in the "*Great Experiment*".

The purpose is to create a joyful anticipation of departing from wrong worldly habits and, by faith, joining God's ways of doing things.

Lesson 6 presents the great venture of taking a big step of faith. It requires faith to believe that God wants to give us all kinds of spiritual and material things – plus eternal life. (Heb. 11:6)

God's way is "first give", "next receive", then "manage Biblically".

Once your members have joined God and decided

PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL

Today is a new day in Ukraine! People are literally bombarded with the flurry of internet, social media, and other forms of external information. The result is that sharing *life application materials* via lecture is producing less and less results. To produce better results, the material on *Financial Freedom as a Lifestyle* is presented in a **Self-Discovery Approach**.

This Self-Discovery Approach uses three interactive methods:

- Reading each lesson and answering the questionnaires at home **prior** to the meeting,
- A hands-on class format correcting answers, making written comments, notes on additional discoveries and underlining special concepts, and
- A class **prayer** time and discussion based on that written information.

The Self-Discovery Approach emphasizes the responsibility of each individual himself.

The home reading and answering the questionnaires is an essential part of the GFB Self-Discovery Approach. Doing this will cut lesson time in class down to less than 2 hours.

At the end of each session therefore the next lesson needs to be passed out with instructions to try to read it through once, do the Personal Evaluation and Basic Quizzes and other quizzes as assigned.

So each lesson is self-contained. At a group session there is a Group Leader who conducts the session, similar to a conductor conducting an orchestra. He will have a 'page-by-page' Lesson Guide.

This approach takes longer than the lecture method, but the lifestyle changes increase by about 50%.

The lessons flow very fast making a break unnecessary. Instead if possible provide tea and a small snack on the table for ongoing use and freedom to use toilet facilities during the lesson. Lesson time should be very flexible. Your lesson time will be determined by you and the attendees.

LEADING A SELF-DISCOVERY SESSION

The group meetings are led by a Group Guide who assists individuals in their studies and comprehension. There is no necessity for a lecturer or a teacher, only a Group Guide. He is provided with a Lesson Guide outlining the whole session step by step.

The Group Guide presents the lesson, ensures full participation, follows through with the suggested activities and assignments, conducts the prayer times, keeps the group on target time wise, makes sure all materials are covered and comprehended, closes and presents the next lesson for home preparation. *There is no instruction, teaching, or preaching.*

The ideal group size is 6-8 people. Groups reaching over 12 should be divided into two for best results. This may be done by preparing an assistant Group Guide. Or in a larger room the groups could disperse

to opposite sides while the Group Guide remains in the middle and directs the “basses” and the “tenors” alternately.

Large groups should be divided into small sections of about 6 people. In the sanctuary for instance this can be done by grouping 6 persons in separate pews. It works well to have 3 persons turn around in one pew and face the 3 persons behind them for a discussion. For large groups with sufficient space and the availability of chairs it is wisest to move apart and form small circles of 6.

In a very large group there should be one Main Group Guide with 2 or 3 Assistant Group Guides. (An assistant may, for instance, be in charge to guide two groups in the balcony. Or an assistant may oversee a cluster of ladies and another one a cluster of youth.)

The main Group Guide loudly calls out the activity at hand and the time allotted for it. His job is to make it happen – to make the session fruitful. He may loudly call out subtitles, or prayer points. He keeps an eye on his assistants and on the whole group to make sure that productivity takes place.

The Assistant Group Guide’s responsibility is to follow up with the Main Guide’s instruction and apply them. His job involves several tasks: to quickly help people find the right page; to make sure they know how to fill out questionnaires; to assist in answering the questions; to enable discussions and keep them on target; to assure individuals follow the prayer suggestions; and to make sure that his group follows the time allotment.

SIGNATURES TO JOIN THE NEXT STEP TO FREEDOM

Financial Freedom comes from taking **20** steps towards following God’s principles.

Financial Freedom is based on a very key ingredient – *Making Decisions*.

Our members have long-term lifestyles of managing their finances as best as they saw fit. The result for a vast majority has been that worry, frustration, anxiety, i.e. bondage, has become part of “normal” life.

On the basis of Bible principles new thought patterns need to be established. Each step requires a “decision” to do it God’s way. In each of the **20** steps (lessons) specifically ask for a written signature indicating; “Yes, I want to start doing it God’s way.” A concrete signature invites God to be my partner. And with Him as a Partner and Guide, Financial Freedom will be gained.

Each lesson should culminate in a prayer and a *personal signature*. This signature indicates a desire to apply the new discoveries. The signature only indicates a desire to pursue this lesson presentation. (Expressed differently, the signature means, “I really want to try using/applying these principles at home.”) It provides an indication to you, the Group Guide, that this person will sincerely attempt to apply what he has learned and is ready for the next lesson.

If a person does not sign, it may mean that he needs additional private help, or that he lacks interest. A learner who does not sign a commitment will likely become a dropout.

The signature is definitely **only** to be an expression of each person’s personal desire-- not a group compliance because it has been mandated. So the “*must sign*” is meant to be a strong impetus for YOU as the Group Guide to motivate attendees’ full home participation and continuation.

Continuing with members who are mutually agreed to pursue God’s financial ways develops a deep unity over the course of 20 lessons. It is this financial unity among our church members that we are seeking-- a group of members in each local church who discover, practice, and enjoy a new lifestyle of Financial Freedom.

God’s Financial Blessings are intended to BECOME STREAMS OF LIVING WATER in your church. How to celebrate future Financial Joy and Financial Peace in your church is highlighted in the “*Pass GFB on to Future generations*” (#22) memo, together with the “*Financial Peace Booklet*” (#21), the “*Counting your Blessing Brochure*” [link to](#), and the “*Faith Promise Plan*” [link to](#).