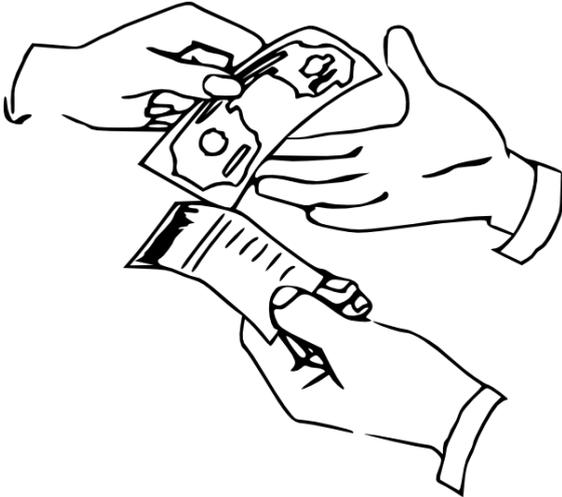


GOD'S BLESSING OF LEARNING HOW TO GET THE BEST BUY LEADER'S GUIDE

For Lesson 11



Providing "GOD'S NEW LIFESTYLE OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM"

Thank you again for continuing to bring financial freedom through Jesus!

How unlimited is our God! How many ways can He use to provide us with the best buy!

How does it feel to be an instrument of God's blessing?

What a privilege we have to be partners together with you and through you with your church members.

Here is another presentation of how God desires to provide financial blessings.

THE LEADER'S HOME PREPARATION

Keep looking for fresh ideas to increase interest level.

Make sure you have not fallen into lecturing. Sometimes it seems easier, but what people are able to verbalize impacts their lives more deeply.

There are 6 steps you should take during your lesson preparation:

1) **Pray**

Jesus Christ, my Lord, we have been buying things constantly, our whole lives. Bring to mind how I have been functioning as a wise buyer, or unwise. Examine my heart. Give me wisdom in my personal life. Show me where these people in my group are struggling most. I need this insight from you in order to prepare this lesson. Help anew and all praise will go to you. Amen.

2) **Read** the lesson.

3) **Study** this Lesson Guide – scribble some prayer items that stand out to you.

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

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

6) **Pray**

Oh my Lord Jesus, the Christ, thank you for so many new insights. Thank you that now by your grace I can really be the group Guide.

LESSON PRESENTATION

TOTAL anticipated lesson time is 2 hours and 15 minutes

This lesson is based on **discussions**.

Begin with testimonies!

Did anyone have experience with detecting the deceptive language of swindlers this week? This is a wonderful time to let people share personal experiences with various financial evils that so easily beguile us. They can both share some mistakes (why not – we all do) and some ways they avoided or escaped them.

PRAYER TIME – Mix prayer with testimonies. After each testimony offer a very brief prayer of thanks that God is able to help us have a lifestyle of financial freedom.

This lesson is covered in 8 parts.

Who brought their BASIC QUESTIONS BEFORE BUYING?

Announce that you will deal with this later.

Then let it rest until the very end of the lesson.

See NOTE.

At the close pass out Lesson 12.

LESSON GUIDE

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much” (Luke 16:10). Whether we are shopping for groceries or buying a house, how we make a purchase reveals whether or not we understand:

- a) The total costs involved,
- b) The interests of the seller,
- c) The actual value of what we are purchasing, and
- d) The value of our time relative to that price.

The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’

~~Andrew Murray

The skills described in this lesson, gleaned from a study of Solomon's proposal to the king of Tyre for the construction of the temple, will prove helpful for anyone who wants to learn the joy of negotiating the best buy. We hope you will enjoy learning fifteen wise ways to control unnecessary spending and to find the right price.

1. LEARN HOW TO GET THE BEST BUY

pp. 1–2 > 10 min <

SOLOMON – a man who obtained great riches through wisdom

Examine Solomon's example. Cover each of these 3 opening Bible verses with one question for the group.

Making a Wise Offer – (2 Chron. 2:5, 7-8, 10)

Why did Solomon ask Hiram to help him build the Temple?

Doing Business Honestly – (Prov. 11:1)

What does it mean in our day and age to use a “just weight” (not just in the market!)?

Draw Buyers to God – (2 Chron. 2:11-12)

How can we make our purchases or sales in ways that would attract others to Jesus?

2. CAN YOU DETECT THE BEST BUY?

p. 3 > 15 min < Personal Evaluation

Have each person discover how to get the best buy.

Not everyone may agree with all the answers but it will serve as a good basis for discussion on factors we need to consider when making purchases. However, don't let people get into arguments on small details of the examples. They are only examples and meant to make people begin to think through some issues. Make sure you give the REASON for the answers of course.

Answers: 1. B (Avoid depreciation) 2. A (Avoid rust) 3. B (Low usage and easy handling)
4. B (More stable location) 5. A (Need for guarantee) 6. B (20% savings)
7. B (2000 hryvnias earned for a day or two of labor) 8. B (More washing less repair)
9. A (Investment for generations) 10. A (Longer guarantee means more powerful battery)
11. B (Label does not affect suit)

Have each write down their total score of correct answers. (By the way if some people disagree with some of the answers, don't worry about how it affects the evaluation. Give grace! These questionnaires are just to raise people's awareness of different principles involved in finances.)

Next share the **3** evaluation categories.

For each of the **3** categories ask attendees to identify themselves.

Well, what do we know about getting good buys?

Who has 11-10 correct answers – wave both hands – You are a WISE BUYER.

Who has 9-5 correct answers – show one hand – You need SOME COUNSEL.

Who has 4-0 correct answers – frown deeply – It indicates you need MUCH COUNSEL.

EVALUATION SCORE – the score is as follows, please copy it in your notes.

11-10 correct = You are a wise buyer

9-5 correct = You need some counsel

4-0 correct = You need much counsel

3. 15 BASIC STEPS TO GETTING THE BEST BUY

p. 4–8 (RU&UA 4–9) > 60 min <

Be sure to review all of these by reading them in the class. Ask for input! Some will not understand, ask others to explain. Some will not agree, ask others if they can share experiences. Close each part by asking participants a question such as these “Is this really so?” – “Is it realistic?” – “Will this help?”

Talk about the last issue of building a house and the factors involved, if that is on the interest level of your group.

At the close of these 15 points

PRAY: *for wisdom, energy, and determination to apply these 15 points.* He promises to help us!

4. KNOW WHEN AND HOW TO MAKE A JUST OFFER

p. 8 (RU&UA 9) > 10 min <

Making home improvements is common in Ukraine today. But often people just decide on the spur of the moment to do it, then rush out and buy whatever is available at their nearest supply center. In many cases much better buys can be made by thorough planning, measuring exactly how much is needed, making a detailed list, and then checking at larger supply centers as well as the market. Larger supply centers offer a greater variety, often have better quality, goods more precisely suited for what you want to do, and provide genuinely good advice. Good advice by experts explains what a product will really do, how it will work best, and what or what not is the best, often suggesting better alternatives.

Ask for helpful comments on this topic. There is nothing like sharing experience.

5. GET THE BEST BUY BY ASKING PRECISE QUESTIONS

p. 9 (RU&UA 10) > 15 min <

Quickly review the 13 points. Many people paint themselves with the help of a friend. So ask each person to mark the points that if they would need to consider if they do it themselves – what/how. For instance will you use drop cloths? How long will it take you to finish? We now have very good quality European paint in Ukraine. Durability is at least 3 times as long as “regular” paint; the beauty is excellent. Expensive? yes! But time, enjoyment, and other benefits might make it worth it.

Personal Commitment to get the Best Buy

It is amazing that God wants to be our financial partner. It is amazing how many ways God has to inspire us to benefit from wise financial applications. Humbleness to inquire and get advice, wisdom to apply gained knowledge, these are spiritual issues to live God’s way and reap His benefits. Let’s make a commitment, let’s sign now.

6. CAN YOU DETERMINE THE VALUE OF PURCHASES

p. 10 (RU&UA 11) > 10 min < Basic Quiz Number 11

Check and supply the correct answers.

Answers: 1.**C** (depending on the length of your working day--) 2.**B** 3. In order: **D, C, B, A**
4.**C** (Dependent on what plan you use, but if it is a smart phone—plans with internet increase cost)

Ask who needs clarification? Let individuals respond to questions.

7. HOW DOES GOD ILLUSTRATE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SELLERS?

p. 11 (RU&UA 12) > 10 min < Advanced Quiz Number 11

If you have provided the correct answers, cover each of the 8 questions by asking who has a present day example of this. Or who can think of a situation where it needs to be done.

Answers: 1.**G** King David and King Hiram 2.**D** Boaz and the kinsman 3.**H** King Solomon and King Hiram 4.**A** King Hiram and King Solomon 5.**F** Abraham and Ephron 6.**B** Solomon and the Sidonians 7.**C** Ahab and Naboth 8.**E** Solomon and the Queen of Sheba

8. CAN YOU IDENTIFY SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES OF GETTING THE BEST BUY?

p. 12 (RU&UA 13) > 10 min < Comprehensive Quiz Number 11

Following each answer ask the same person – WHY that answer?

Answers: 1.**D** Parable of the lost coin 2.**J** Hezekiah with the Babylonians 3.**G** Abraham buying Machpelah 4.**B** Parable of the tower 5.**H** Jephthah's responses 6.**A** Parable of the pearl 7.**F** Boaz redeeming the land 8.**I** Ahasuerus and Esther 9.**C** Solomon and King Hiram 10.**E** Parable of the vineyard owner.

Distribute Lesson # 12 and request that this lesson be read and filled out at home prior to the next meeting.

NOTE: Here is what you must do with the BASIC QUESTIONS BEFORE BUYING – go home and use them! Thank you – God bless you all.

Close in prayer

“Lord God our heavenly Father, we assume so much. Forgive us our assumptions. We are Your children, and as Your children we assume that You automatically take care of us, and that there are no heavenly battles about us. We forget to ask ‘deliver us from temptation’. We forget to ask ‘for unique special wisdom’, we forget to be patient to hear Your answer. Thank You for teaching us so much through this lesson. Lord God our heavenly Father it is more than we can handle. We praise You for it. Hover over our future purchases, we pray, so that Your Glory will follow us wherever we go. Amen and hallelujah to your Holy Name.”

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