

Introduction

***There are many resources available today that can assist in creating and managing financial budgets and goals. The scope of this course will not address actual budgeting tips, systems or mechanics. Rather we will direct our study as to how financial success relates to the spiritual development of believers, especially leaders.

I John 5:4 NKJV

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.

- I. Overcoming the _____.
- A. Are you born of God? Then you are _____ to overcome the world.
- B. The greek word used for world is _____.
1. This word describes the _____, _____ and _____ system that has arisen from the fall of Adam.
 2. This system is founded on, and based out of, _____ from and _____ towards God.
 3. It is _____ in its principles and influences.
- II. At the heart of the world system is the _____.
- A. From the _____ stages of development we are taught:
- a. Our _____ of money
 - b. _____ is the way to money.
- B. If we did not need to have _____, most of us would lead significantly different lives.
- C. The love of money _____ the world system.

- a. They are so intrinsic that you could almost say the world IS the _____.
- b. We call this _____.
- i. At the center of _____, who is the focus?
- ii. _____ is the behavior of greed.
- iii. The more you promote _____, the more like the _____ you resemble.

1 Timothy 6:10 NLT

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

- D. The Bible definition of _____ is ***having enough resources to accomplish His plan on your life.***
1. Prosperity is NOT defined, biblically, as the place you arrive financially where you no longer _____ God.
 2. Bible prosperity places your trust _____ on Him to provide everything you need in this life - large or small.
 3. By contrast, greed and the love of money put your trust in _____.
 4. Money is not the root of all evil - the _____ of money is.
 5. There are many ministers criticizing “prosperity preachers” who are more consumed with “_____” of fundraising money than those they judge.

Introduction - Part 2

- I. Object lesson - everyone take out some cash.
- A. Our _____ has done something wonderful!
1. They print “_____” on each and every dollar - regardless of denomination.
 2. Either it’s _____ or it is not.
- B. This is either _____ or it is _____.
1. _____ is good and an attribute of God.
 2. _____ is evil and of the devil - could be an idol.
 3. _____ determine which it is.
 4. By our _____, _____ and _____ we determine which it will be.

Matthew 6:24 NKJV

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Matthew 6:24 Phillips

“No one can be loyal to two masters. He is bound to hate one and love the other, or support one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and the power of money at the same time.”

- C. When money becomes your _____, you have left the _____ and the _____ has overcome you.
1. We are _____ to live by faith!

2. We must regularly monitor our _____ and _____ towards money to make sure God continues to be our Provider and not money.
3. Usually it can be gauged by how easily we _____ when God asks for it.
4. Money is a great _____ but a terrible _____.

Conclusion

Only when we have been born again can we recognize, retreat and overcome the ideologies of this world system. While it bullies the idea of “me first” or “if I don’t look out for myself, who will,” Christ implores us to come to Him and He will give us life and life more abundantly.

The Father's Interests

Phil 2:19-21 NKJV

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. 20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

- I. How does this verse relate to the _____ for this class?
- A. Money habits reveal _____, _____ and _____.
1. Jesus declared, "Where your _____ is, there will your _____ be also." (Matthew 6:21)
 2. You don't have to tell where your heart is, your _____ does.
- B. If you give a five year old \$200 and tell them they do whatever they wish with it, what do you think is the typical _____ if they are not influenced by others?
1. Would that shopping spree change as the _____ does?
Hopefully.
 2. Have you seen the movie, "_____?"
 3. Money reveals _____.
- C. Is our Heavenly Father _____ in our financial increase?
1. How are we _____ He is? By the Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJV

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2. If you are completely certain He is, how then do we _____ that increase if our interests are not _____ with His?
3. ***Parable of the the Three _____:

Matthew 25:14-28 NLT

14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. **15** He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

16 “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. **17** The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. **18** But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. **19** “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. **20** The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ **21** “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ **22** “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ **23** “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ **24** “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. **25** I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ **26** “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, **27** why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’ **28** “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. **29** To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. **30** Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

- a. The servant who manages resources _____ received more.
 - i. What constitutes a servant to be _____?
 - ii. Faithfulness is comprised of acting in the _____ of the master.
 - b. Notice: what little resources the unfaithful servant had were _____ away because he played it safe - acted in his own interests.
 - c. Are we managing wisely or _____ with money?
4. I highly recommend you find, purchase and rehearse little mini-book by Kenneth E. Hagin, “_____.” Pay close attention to chapter four.