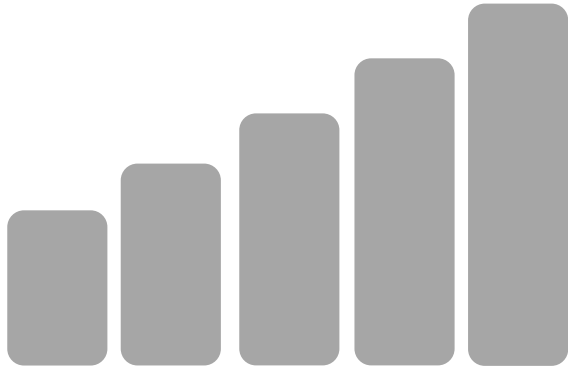


LEVEL UP

Your Finances

1 Timothy 6.6-10 & 17-19

Five Stages on the Financial Journey



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I Timothy 6:6-10 & 17-19

Questions based on the sermon from January 26, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. Which of the “Level Up” messages has resonated with you the most, and what steps are you taking in that area?
2. Did you find the SNL “Don’t Buy Stuff” skit funny, convicting, or both? (If you missed it, you can find it by clicking [HERE](#).)

Digging Deeper

3. Consider the five stages of the financial journey are Struggling, Surviving, Stable, Secure, and Surplus. Share about a time you were in one of these stages, past or present.
4. Read I Timothy 6:6-10 together, and then answer the following:
 - How would you define contentment?
 - How can you be content while also seeking financial gain (like a raise, promotion, a job that pays more, etc.)?
 - What is the difference between *having* money and *loving* money? How can we *have* money without *loving* it?
5. Read Proverbs 23:5. What does this verse teach us about looking for security in our finances? How have you seen this to be true in your life or our world?
6. Read Psalm 23:1-4. Consider the sheep in these verses. How is their lack of want revealed in the behavior of the sheep? What does v. 4 reveal as the reason for this contentment and confidence?

7. Read Proverbs 22:7. How does this verse reveal the heart of God to keep us free?
8. In what way is “every spending decision is a spiritual decision”?
9. Read I Timothy 6:17-19 together.
 - What do these verses teach us about a wise mindset with money?
 - What purposes are listed here for the money God gives us?
 - How do we “*take hold of the life that is truly life*”?

Making it Personal:

10. Pastor Phil offered five principles to move to the next step in our spiritual journey:
 - Spend less than you earn
 - Avoid the use of debt
 - Prioritize saving
 - Set long-term goals
 - Give generously

Which of these steps will you be focusing on this year to level up your finances and experience God’s freedom and wisdom?
11. How can you set and keep financial goals from a foundation of contentment versus a poverty mentality or greed?

Prayer:

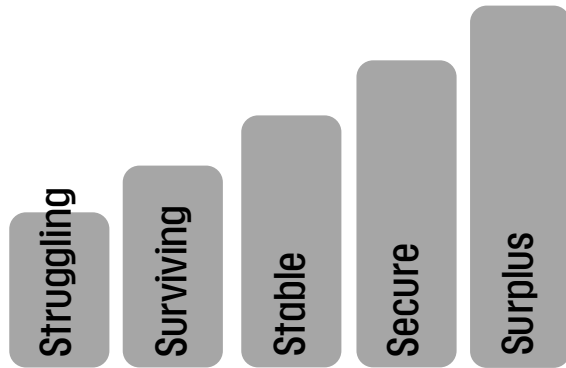
Finances are no minor issue. Be sensitive to the real needs represented in the group but also offer prayers of hope and acknowledgment of God, our Provider and Protector, who wants good for us in all areas of this series: faith, relationships, health, and finances.

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