

# Where's My Bailout

## "Financial Freedom"

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"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him..." **2 Chron 16:9a NKJV**

The **Big Idea** – is to make a personal commitment to financial freedom—to work towards gaining financial freedom.

### "HOW LONG WILL YOU WAVER BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS?"

"...If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word." **1 Kings 18:21 KJV**

#### -Ten Scriptural Convictions-

1. God has the right to my life, and the Bible is His inspired Word and the final authority for my life.
2. My purpose in life is to seek God with my whole heart and to build my goals around His priorities.
3. My body is the living temple of God and must not be defiled by the lusts of the world.
4. My church is to teach foundational truths of the Bible and reinforce my basic convictions.
5. My children and grandchildren belong to God, and it is my responsibility to teach them Scriptural principles, Godly character, and basic convictions.
6. My activities must never weaken Scriptural convictions so the testimony of my church and of our Lord is protected.
7. My marriage is a life-long commitment to God and to my marriage partner.
8. My money is a trust from God and must be earned and managed according to Scriptural principles.
9. My words must be in harmony with God's Word, especially when reproofing and restoring a Christian brother/sister.
10. My affections must be set on things above, not on things in the earth.

#### ● Learn what it really means to be financially \_\_\_\_\_

"...is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?...And he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen..." **Daniel 4:30, 33 KJV**

"Now I...praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." **Daniel 4:37 NKJV**

"Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees... You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today." **Deut. 8:11, 17-18**

1. Financial freedom is realizing that true prosperity comes only from God. "...For it is he [God] that gives you the power to get wealth..." **Deut. 8:18 KJV**

2. Financial freedom is committing ourselves to God's purposes for money. "...If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith." **Matt 6:30 KJV**

3. Financial freedom is recognizing and rejecting false financial concepts. "And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in the Lord. And if you were free when the Lord called you, you are now a slave of Christ." **1 Cor 7:22 NLT**

4. Financial freedom is responding to God's reproofs for wrong financial decisions. "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house."

**Haggai 1:9 NKJV**

5. Financial freedom is giving God tithes and offerings. "Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with ne wine." **Prov 3:9-10 KJV**

6. Financial freedom is keeping out of debt. "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." **Prov 27:1 KJV**

7. Financial freedom is choosing a good name rather than great riches. Broken vows, secret sin, cheating others, dishonoring parents, returning evil for good—these are some of the reasons that cause God to withhold funds. God wants to search our lives so He is free to "...open to you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." **Malachi 3:10 NKJV**

● **Second, we must learn \_\_\_\_\_ of financial freedom.**

→ \_\_\_\_\_ . Give, and it will be given to you..." **Lk 6:38 NIV**

No Christian can afford to neglect tithing & giving—it increases your love for God, because "...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." **Matt 6:21 KJV**

→ \_\_\_\_\_ . The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **2 Cor 9:6 ESV**

→ \_\_\_\_\_ . "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

**Luke 16:10 NIV**

#### -Evidences of Financial Bondage-

- Insecurity ● Fear ● Anxiety ● Loss of Sleep
- Ungratefulness ● Enslavement ● Envy
- Bitterness ● Disillusionment

#### Next Steps:

1. Attend iDiscover – Friday, August 6, 6 pm
2. Register for Financial Peace University