

Sunday Sermon Review: Week of February 7th, 2021

Sermon Series: Dollars and \$ense

Sermon: Get Your Financial House in Order

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Icebreaker

- If all of your clothes had to be one color forever, what color would it be and why?

Conversation Starters and Sermon Review

- If you missed it, you can review our 2020 LifePoint Church annual report at www.lifepointchurch.tv/report. Wow, look at what all God allowed us to do during a pandemic year! What's the most exciting thing that you learned from the report?
- What was your family's view on money when you were growing up? How did that view shape your current view on finances?

I. Get on a Plan!

Have your group read **Proverbs 22:7** and **Proverbs 29:18**

- Does the way that you're currently handling your finances accurately reflect your relationship with God? Why or why not?

"You don't TIP to the Lord, you TITHE to the Lord!"

--Pastor Mike Burnette

- Do you see yourself as being enslaved to debt? What steps are you taking to find freedom in your finances?

II. Dump Debt!

Read **Proverbs 22:7** with your small group

- What is something that you really want to do, but debt is holding you back from doing it?
- How would you enjoy life's pleasures (vacations, family trips, holidays, etc.), if you didn't have to worry about paying off debt?
- What financial burdens can you eliminate right now, to free up money to pay off debt (i.e., streaming services, subscriptions, gym memberships)?

III. Be a Super Saver!

Read the following passages: **Proverbs 21:20** and **Malachi 3:10**

- What is one thing that you could sacrifice now if it meant that you could have peace later?
- What is the difference between a "need" and a "want"? Identify the "wants" and "needs" in your life.
- If you are not a good steward of your finances, what is one thing you can do right now, to become wiser about better managing your money?

IV. Give Your Money Away

Read the following passages: Exodus 35 & 36, Psalm 37:21, Psalm 37:25-27, Proverbs 3:27, Malachi 3:6-12, Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, and Philippians 4:10-20.

- What is your current plan for your future? How can you tweak it starting now?
- If you are currently giving, what next step can you take now, to increase your generosity?
- Describe a time when you were blessed by someone's generosity. What impact did their actions have in your life?

Act On It

Encourage: If you're being held back by financial debt, there IS a way out! It was never in God's plan for us to be bound by money. Financial peace is available for you. And our church is here to equip you, walk with you, support you, and then celebrate with you on the other side of freedom!

Ask: Ask God to embolden you to trust Him with your finances. Ask God to liberate our hearts to liberate our hands to give more freely as God is calling us to.

Challenge: As a small group, you get the chance to go on the journey to financial freedom together! You can email smallgroups@lifepointchurch.tv to get started with a free Ramsey+ membership for your small group. Identify one unnecessary expense in your life right now, eliminate it, and divert that payment towards a debt payment, no matter how small.

Prayer Request and Prayer

Lord, we are thankful that financial bondage was never in your plan for our lives. Help me see the ways that I am in slavery and how to live my life in the freedom you have set before me. Father, give us the courage to honor you in all our spending, the way that we tithe, and the generosity of our giving. Thank you for providing us the tools to be a super saver and to bless others. Amen.