



Live Like No One Else: Part 2

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Read

2 Kings 4:8–17; James 4:1; Philippians 2:3–5 and Matthew 6:33

Reflect

Personal finances can be a challenge, but God made us to be overcomers. He is a miracle worker, a “way-maker”.

Guest Pastor Joe Champion highlights several characteristics of powerful couples:

1. Powerful couples are mutually submitted financially to each other.
 - a. Why is it important for couples to mutually submit to each other?
 - i. What was your upbringing regarding how to handle finances?
 - ii. How is your upbringing different from that of a person who has significant influence on you...or shares financial responsibilities?
 - iii. How do your mindsets differ in approaching money? How can you mesh them together?
 - b. Do you ever feel your awareness of the gifts of God is fading? Explain.
2. Powerful couples T.A.L.K about finances.
 - a. T—Transparency
 - i. How open are you about what you buy, with your spouse/significant other/or accountability partner?
 - ii. Do you make spur-of-the-moment decisions without consulting your significant other?
 - iii. Do you have a system in place to ensure the other person knows what’s occurring?
 - b. A—Accountability
 - i. Have you developed a budget together? How willing are you to stick to it?
 - ii. Why is it important to develop it together?
 - iii. What have been some repercussions for not following the budget?
 - c. L—Listen
 - i. How willing are you to listen to the reasoning of your spouse/significant other regarding financial decisions?
 - d. K—Kingdom
 - i. Do you consider tithing to be an important aspect of stewardship? Why or why not?
 - ii. Do you view it as a central part of helping further God’s Kingdom?
3. Powerful couples create margin in their finances.
 - a. If you made the following statement, would it be true? It is better to want than to owe? Explain.
 - i. How prepared are you for an emergency expense like a car breaking down? Do you have an emergency fund of a \$1000?
 - ii. How does having margin help you to be a better steward for God? Is God able to use you as a financial instrument to help others?
 - iii. If you have margin, how much does it relieve your stress?
4. Powerful couples are marked with miracles.
 - a. How would you define a miracle?
 - b. After obediently tithing, have you ever received a blessing that far surpassed what you wanted?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?