



Live Like No One Else: Part 4

Small Group Questions: Proven Biblical Money Principles

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Read

Luke 14:28; Proverbs 21:20 and 22:7; and 1 Corinthians 15:33

Reflect

Dave Ramsey believes that if you don't know God, you're going to struggle in business. When you put on the character of Christ, it changes your heart and causes you to want to serve rather than take. People will start to see you're worthy of trust. Guest speaker, Dave Ramsey tells us five things we can do with money, which over time, will build a level of wealth 100 percent of the time, if you are working.

1. Live on a written budget.
 - a. Are you living according to a written budget?
 - i. How did God get your attention? How hard did he have to hit you?
 - b. If you managed the money of a company like you manage your own, would you fire yourself?
 - c. Have you been faithful in the little things? How have you proven your competence?
 - d. If you don't have a written budget, are you willing to change? Will you decide to start today?
 - e. Have you surrendered your finances to God?
 - f. Do you have a favorite Scripture regarding money that helps spur you on?
2. Avoid debt.
 - a. Can you think of even once instance in the Bible where God used debt to bless his people?
 - b. Who are you making wealthy? Yourself or a lender?
 - c. When the subject of finances comes up, do you tend to complain and blame someone else?
 - i. What past decision that you've made, do you need to accept and own? What is your next step for moving forward?
3. Foster high quality relationships.
 - a. Are you hanging out with people you want to be like?
 - b. Have you become like those you hang around? Is that good or bad?
 - c. How have you witnessed evil company corrupt good habits?
 - d. Are you a good influence?
 - e. Do you believe that having more money will make you more of what you are right now? Explain.
4. Save and invest.
 - a. Are you saving for an emergency?
 - b. How might you be relying too much on others or the government to make things right?
5. Be incredibly generous.
 - a. Do you think you have a spirit of generosity? Would others agree?
 - b. Are you cheerful about giving?
 - c. How are you showing your generosity? In what specific ways?
 - d. Does knowing your financial actions NOW could change the trajectory of your family for generations make you want to alter the way you're handling money?

Respond

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