

MAKING CHANGE

INVESTING IN YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH

WEEK 4 - WISDOM OVERVIEW

In this final week of the series, we will attempt to draw these biblical threads together and talk about what it takes to truly become a steward full of contentment and faith: *wisdom*. If we are to use our finances in a way that leads to flourishing for others and for ourselves in light of God's abundance, we must be wise in the decisions we make with our money. With wisdom and intentionality, we can become stewards who multiply God's investment in our lives by bringing healing to the world around us and releasing ourselves from stress and worry in the process.

Biblical Financial Wisdom Principle #4: Set Long-Term Goals
Biblical Financial Wisdom Principle #5: Plan for Financial Margin

The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Matthew 25:23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Matthew 25:14-30](#).
 - a. Explain what each servant was given and why.
 - b. What are some examples of *entering into our master's joy* (from [verse 21](#))?
 - c. What is the point of this parable?
2. Do you live as though the gifts, talents, and abilities that you have belong to God? What would it look like to live that way? In other words, what does God want you to do with the resources he has entrusted to you?
3. Read [James 1:5](#). Name some ways you could gain wisdom.
4. Barry said that true financial wisdom involves understanding that abundance follows faithfulness. What does that mean to you?
5. If you have studied Biblical financial wisdom before, what did you learn and implement?
6. Reflect on the following questions and share how you're doing.
 - a. How are you using the life you have?
 - b. Are you investing wisely in the things God cares about?
 - c. What are you doing with the things God has entrusted to you?
 - d. However God has wired you - are you using your life to heal the broken places of the world and making it look more like God's kingdom?
 - e. Is your faith focused on just not doing anything wrong or are you multiplying God's investment in you?