



### Helping the Next Gen Win...With Money (Part 3)

Financial struggles are common in America today. Financial situations are impacting our lives as we know it. Although it's not only us it is affecting, it can have a negative impact on future generations to come. We need to make sure that we set up the next generation for success not only teaching them how to manage their finances but also leading them by example.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

#### “GIVE+SAVE+LIVE = Financial Freedom”

Share about if/how you were set-up for financial success. Who did you have for an example?

#### Read: Proverbs 21:20; 22:7 and Matthew 6:19-21

**Context:** *All throughout the Bible, there are little nuggets of wisdom regarding our finances. In the book of Proverbs, King Solomon shared lessons he has learned in life about how to choose the wise path. In Matthew, Jesus does the same. In the verses you will read, both Jesus and Solomon share some wisdom about how to handle our finances.*

- Mike shared two stats: **76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck and Finances are the 2nd leading cause of divorce.** What do you think about that? How have you seen that happen around you? Why should this burden you for the next generation?
- How do we fall into the trap of comparison with our finances? Why is this unhealthy? What will this lead to?
- What does Proverbs 22:7 tell us about debt? How have you seen this happen in your life? Why is it so prevalent in our culture?
- What does Proverbs 21:20 teach us about saving? Why is saving hard to do? What can we learn from this verse?
- In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus challenges us to invest in eternity. Why is that hard for some or for you? Why is it important to invest in eternity?
- What is the difference between a Stewarding vs. Controlling mindset when it comes to finances? How can you strengthen your mindset of stewardship?
- The path to financial freedom is also fulfilling God's purposes with our finances. When we Give, Save and Live on the rest there is freedom in that. What does your next step look like? Outrageous generosity? Making a zero-based budget?
- Maybe you are giving, saving and living on the rest. What does a next step look like for you to help the next generation win financially?

#### MOVING FORWARD

If the next generation is going to win, we have to get our act together. We need to set the example. And then, we need to be able to encourage them to give first, save second and live on the rest so then they can be financially free to do what God has created them to do. You were put on this earth to help others know the love and the purposes of God. God has given you your finances to do just that. Invest in eternity.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**Memorize:** Matthew 6:21

**Journaling:** Take some time to reflect on how God has provided for you throughout your life and thank him for that.

**Prayer:** Ask God to give you a heart to be a good steward of the finances he has blessed you with.