

# Building Faith and Finances

Module 2 Meeting – Disciplined Finances

#### <u>Introduction</u>

• [If anyone missed the last meeting, briefly explain group participation, course flow, and purpose of the group meetings.]

 Module 2 is titled Disciplined Finances. This is the Module 2 meeting which has the same title – Disciplined Finances.

#### Module 2: Disciplined Finances - Overview

 Reading: Chapters 2-4: Spend Less Than You Make, Aggressively Pay Off Debt, Save.

 3 Personal Exploration Exercises: Financial Personality Inventory, Determining Your Financial Stage, Dealing with Debt.

Meeting: Disciplined Finances

#### Module 2: Disciplined Finances – Key Concepts Review

 Key Concept #5: Understanding your financial character helps you to maximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses.

 Key Concept #6: Evaluating your net worth with faith gives God the opportunity to improve your situation.

#### Module 2: Disciplined Finances – Key Concepts Review

 Key Concept #7: Eliminate bad debt with extreme vigilance, daily encouragement, and plentiful prayers.

• Icebreaker: Majority Wins! On the left of the / write your answer. On the right of the / write the majority answer. Whoever matched the most majority answers wins!

 Key Concept #8: Having disciplined finances is the key to savings and generosity.

Opening Prayer

 Warmup Question: Would anyone like to briefly share something they got out of the personal exploration exercises?

 Question 1: Have you ever felt powerless to improve your financial situation? What about it has made you feel powerless?

Read text on pages 53-54 and Hebrews 12:11.

 Question 2: What discretionary expense could you cut back on that would make a big difference in your personal finances?

 Question 3: What are some things you've done to stay motivated to control your spending? How has it worked for you?

• From page 54 – read Psalm 37:21

 Question 4: Why do you think handling debt is a spiritual matter, and not just a practical matter?

From page 54 – read Proverbs 13:11

 Question 5: Why do you think the Bible talks about saving money little by little?

 Question 6: Is this scripture encouraging or discouraging for you? Why?

 Question 7: Why do you think is it important to save an emergency fund?

 Read the Spiritual Conversation Starter - "How are you doing at spending less than you make?"

# Reminders for the Next Meeting

• The next meeting is titled "Shifting Your Mindset About Wealth" on [date & time].

Read chapters 5-7 for the Module 3 meeting.

• Do the exercises in Module 3 for the next meeting.

# Thank You for Coming.

• See you next time!

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