



Building Faith and Finances

Module 4 Meeting – A Balanced Life

Introduction

- Module 4 is titled The Dangers of Wealth. This is the Module 4 meeting – A Balanced Life.

Module 4 The Dangers of Wealth - Overview

- Reading: Chapters 8-10: The Deceptions of Wealth, Riches and Righteousness, Worry & Money.
- 2 Personal Exploration Exercises: The Seed Among Thorns, How Biblical Figures Handled Wealth.
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Module 4: The Dangers of Wealth – Key Concepts Review

- Key Concept #12: Worry, wealth, and ungodly desires are like weeds that make your life unfruitful. As with physical weeds, these spiritual weeds need to be pulled or poisoned regularly.
- Key Concept #13: By reading about how people in the Bible handled wealth, you can aspire to be like them or avoid their bad examples.

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- **Icebreaker (modified):** Lucky Lottery Winners: What would you do with \$10k? \$100k? \$10M?
- Read from page 100 - Introduction
- Key Concept #14: The Bible's wisdom can help you to live a balanced life physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially, each of which plays a critical role.

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- Opening Prayer
- Warmup Question: Would anyone like to briefly share something they got out of the personal exploration exercises?
- Section: **Balance in Pursuing Wealth**; read from page 101, Proverbs 30:7-9

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- Question 5: How can being too poor lead us to unrighteousness? If you've personally experienced a situation in which your neediness led you to steal, please share.
- Question 6: How can we avoid becoming too poor?

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- Question 7: How can being too wealthy lead us to unrighteousness? If you've personally experienced a situation in which your wealth or success has led you away from God, please share.
- Question 8: How can we avoid becoming too wealthy?

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- From pages 101-102 – read 1 Timothy 6:2b-10
- Question 9: Why is godliness not necessarily a means to financial gain?
- Question 10: Why is godliness with contentment great gain?

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- Section: Balance in **Achievement**; read from page 102
– read Ecclesiastes 4:4-6
- Question 11: What does the scripture mean when it says, “Fools fold their hands and ruin themselves”?

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- Question 12: What does the scripture mean when it says, “Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind”?
- Question 13: Has anyone personally experienced either of these? Please share your experience.

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- Section: **Balance in Ambition**; read from pages 102-103 – read Luke 3:10-14
- Question 14: Why is it important to share and give to charity?
- Question 15: Why is it important to be honest at work, with the government, and in your business practices?

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- Section: **Balance in Concern**; read from page 103 – read text and Matthew 6:25-34
- Question 16: How has worry affected you? Please share your experience.
- Spiritual conversation starter: “What things make you worry?”

Reminders for the Next Meeting

- If your group is only doing Modules 1-4, go to the last two slides.
- The next meeting is titled “How to Grow Your Wealth” on [date & time].
- Read chapters 11-14 for the next meeting.
- Do the exercises in Module 5 for the next meeting.

Thank You for Coming.

- See you next time!
- For free blog articles, book reviews, and resources, check out www.faith-finances.com.



For Groups Only Doing Modules 1-4, This Was The Last Meeting!

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- Also, if you'd like to contribute content, the Faith and Finances Ministry is the place!



Thank You & Feedback Welcome



- **Thank you** for being a part of the group!
- If you have any feedback, positive or negative, please email Patrick@faith-finances.com.
 - What did you like best?
 - What did you like the least?
 - How could the course be improved?
 - Would you recommend the course? If so, why?