

**GOD'S
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SESSION ONE

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:9-10. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

This tool is called **GOD'S \$\$\$\$** because we want to talk about how to **honor God** with the money that he has given us. God has a plan that will lead and bless us! These sessions will walk through 4 biblical truths about our money.

**GOD'S \$\$\$\$ TRUTH #1:
Trust God With The Tithe**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your first reaction to the tool? (what stands out, what is difficult)
2. What is your general relationship with money? Are you good/ bad with it? Do you prayerfully consider how you use it? Explain.
3. Read Malachi 3:8-10. What stands out? Why is tithing difficult for most people? Is it a difficult practice for you? Why/why not? (*Giving Scriptures: Lev 27:30, Exd 23:19, Lke 6:38*).
4. Biblically, tithing is considered the starting line in how we should order our money, but many see it as finish line that can hopefully be given someday. How could trusting God with the tithe change your perspective on money?
5. At Home: this week read the passages from this session every day and prayerfully consider your heart in relationship to the tithe.

SESSION TWO

SCRIPTURE: Luke 16:10-11. *Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*

GOD'S \$\$\$\$ TRUTH #2:

Make God First In Your Budget

Look at the tool again to review.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you operate on a monthly budget? How good at you at living into it?
2. If you don't have a budget...make one. It's hard to honor God if you don't make an effort to be trustworthy with what you've been given. You must consider what you have, how you spend, and if you are honoring God with your money. Do you need to learn any budget tips? Go to ramseysolutions.com for some great resources on making a budget.
3. What comes first in your budget? Truly consider this. Do you budget around mortgage/rent? Bills? Groceries? Once those are done then do you try and give from whatever is left over? What if you started with God's way of the tithe and generosity? What if you built your budget by making God first?!
4. Would it be difficult to budget 10/10/80 for you? 10% Tithe (that's first) 10% Savings and lastly 80% living expenses. Work up a budget this week and see what it looks like.

SESSION THREE

SCRIPTURES: Rom. 12:13. *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Acts 2:44-45 says, All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.*

GOD'S \$\$\$\$ TRUTH #3:

Share With People In Need

Look at the tool again to review.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have the last two sessions helped you think about your money differently? Can you see new ways to better honor God with your money? How?
2. Read Romans 12:13+ Acts 2:44-45 (above). What stands out? What is the most difficult part of sharing and being generous to others? What is the best part?
3. Sharing our money, possessions, and resources with others is over and above tithing, yet God instructs us to do it. How can you make finances available in your life to be more generous? (do you need to do that?)
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8. How does this passage encourage you?
5. Do you know someone who is currently in need? If so, can you share with them?
6. What are ways that can you be more mindful of sharing in the future?

SESSION FOUR

SCRIPTURE: Luke 16:13. *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

GOD'S \$\$\$\$ TRUTH #4: CONSUME LESS + SAVE MORE

Look at the tool again to review.

One of the ways we can honor the Lord with our wealth is by consuming less and considering ways we can steward our lives as good keepers of the earth and what we have. We must detach ourselves from the rat race of accumulating more and more things, and instead find our satisfaction in the blessing of God through relationships, creation, and deeper purpose for the kingdom.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are five ways you can consume less on a monthly basis that will result in you saving more money?

Make a real list and actually do it!

2. How has this tool helped you consider the way you honor God with the money he's given you?

3. It's been said that when you get your money ordered right with God it will help you order the rest of your life too! In other words honoring God will lead to a blessed life. How can honoring God with your money lead to a blessed life?