

1 Road to Financial Freedom: Student Sheet

God Owns It All!

There are 500 verses in the Bible on prayer. Yet there are over 2,350 about money and possessions.

Focus Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.*

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.



Biblical Financial Truths

1. God is the **owner** of everything.
The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1
2. When we are blessed, God is the **source**
Every good and perfect gift is from above... James 1:17
3. The Bible says a lot about money and possessions in order to:
teach us how we should view and use money, and **warn** us of dangers and abuses.
4. Our relationship with God **affects** and is affected **affected** our financial decisions.
5. Scripture tells us that money is the primary competitor for **lordship** of our lives.
No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matt. 6:24
6. There is a great **contrast** in God's design and in the way most people handle money.
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways..." Isaiah 55:8-9
7. To be a genuine follower of Christ, one must **transfer** ownership of our possessions to God.
"...any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33
8. Sometimes God uses financial **trials** to grow our faith.
... the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1:2-5
9. God will **provide** for His children.
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matt 6:33

God is more interested in our heart than our check book.

God orchestrates seemingly devastating circumstances for ultimate good in the lives of the godly.

**God's provision is always predictable.
His methods are not.**

How has God provided for you in unpredictable ways?

10. Since God owns all resources, our role is that of a faithful **steward**. *Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.* 1 Cor. 4:2

A steward is "someone who manages **another's** property, finances, or other affairs."

We can relax when we realize that God owns everything and loves us immensely.

If we can trust God with eternal life, we can certainly trust Him with life here and now!

Commitment to Biblical Financial Stewardship!

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- God is the owner of everything.
- God will provide for my needs.
- I should not be anxious, but trust.
- my role is to be a faithful steward of God's possessions.
- I have a responsibility to learn God's desire for my financial decisions.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Daily Homework Assignments

Please don't do all of these in one day. There is value to repeatedly visiting and praying about a subject. If you are not doing any other Scripture reading, please consider reading a chapter of the Bible each day. (Suggestion: Sign up for a plan to read through the New Testament this year at www.BiblePlan.org.)



Monday

Make a list of your most important possessions. Ask God how each of these resources can be used for His glory. Read 1 Tim. 6:6-7. What truth does this passage teach?

Tuesday

Read Philippians 4:19 and record your thoughts on this passage. What needs are you asking God to provide? Review the Commitment Box and sign it if you are ready to make the commitment.

Wednesday

Read Hebrews 12:6, 10-11. Record a time that you have felt God's discipline.

Thursday

Read Genesis 45:5, 8. Sometimes God works upstream in our lives. Read how this was true of Joseph. Record a time God has worked upstream in your life.

Friday

Read Genesis 22:2. Abraham was asked to offer his son as a sacrifice. Is there anything you would not be willing to "give" to God if He asked? Do you trust God fully?

Saturday

Read Philippians 4:11-13. What does Paul say about learning to be content?

Next week: "The Problem with Debt"

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