

International Sunday School Finance Series Week 9

Handling God's money God's way – Review

Principals to Remember

- God owns everything.
- Everything He has given us, He has asked us to manage for Him.
- We are blessed to be a blessing:
- “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on Earth, your saving power among all nations.” – Psalm 67:1-2

3 things that are a part of every step

1. Giving

- Ask God how much He wants you to give (10% is a good standard).
- Give your first and your best. Don't wait until everything else is paid.
- You can't afford not to give. Blessing comes with faithful giving, not so that we can have more but so we can give more.

2. Budget

- We need to do a budget every month.
- We have to tell every dollar that comes in where it will go (giving, saving, spending).
- We need a plan in order to handle God's money God's way.

3. Insurance

- We have to have the right insurances to protect our plan to manage God's money. Insurance is expensive, but it will be even more expensive if we need it and don't have it.
- Health insurance
- Car insurance (if you have a car)
- Renters or Homeowners insurance (if you have an apartment or house)
 - remember, if you live in an apartment, the owner does not have insurance on your stuff, only the building. If there is a fire and you don't have renters insurance, you can't get anything back.
- Term life insurance, not whole life insurance (if you have a spouse and/or kids)
- Identity Theft insurance
- Long-term disability – 32 year olds are 12 times more likely to become disabled by 65 than to die.
- Long-Term care insurance – if you are over 60.

Step 1: \$1,000 in an emergency fund

- 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck
- 27% of Americans have no savings
- 78% of people will experience a major financial emergency every 10 years
- The emergency fund has to be for emergencies!

Step 2: The Debt Snowball

-Get rid of all debt except mortgage: this includes credit cards, hospital bills, car loans, student loans.

-“The borrower is slave to the lender.” – Proverbs 22:7

-“Owe no man anything, except to love each other” – Romans 13:8

-The Debt Snowball:

<u>Debt</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Payment</u>
Credit Card	1000	$25 + 100 = 125$
Car Loan	5,000	$200 + 125 = 325$
Student Loan	25,000	$400 + 325 = 725$

Extra money you came up with.

Step 3: 3-6 month's expenses in emergency fund

-What do you NEED to survive every month?

Step 4: Invest 15% of your income into mutual funds

“Our culture tries to sell us the retirement dream because they don't believe in heaven, so retirement is as close as they can come. Don't try to sell me heaven before I get there, there is too much hell left to fight.” – John Piper

Step 5: Save for your children's college

-Help your kids learn to hate debt.

-Save for children's college using government education savings account (ESA) invested in mutual funds.

Step 6: Pay off the house early

Step 7: Build God's Kingdom and Give

-We handle money God's way to advance His kingdom, not so that we can have more and be comfortable.

-How could you be a blessing to the world if you had no debt, an emergency fund of 3-6 months, money set aside for the future, and money available to help your children to go to college?