



Study guide

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Message Title: Dare to Keep
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Bible Verses:

- Malachi 3:10-12, NIV
- 2 Corinthians 9: 10 &12, NIV
- Matthew 6:24, NIV
- Psalm 24:1

Key Points

1. Right now, do you see yourself as an owner of your finances or as a steward or trustee and why?
2. On a scale of 1-100 what percentage of your time do you worry about your finances?
3. There are certain commonalities when we consider money that we tend to adopt. Culturally they are part of our everyday lives. Unfortunately, they can define how we see and pursue wealth. Which one of following cultural myths do you most closely identify with:
 - A. Possessions bring happiness
 - B. Debt is expected and unavoidable
 - C. A little more money could solve my problems

These items are what we have come to expect in our culture, but the Bible teaches us a different. Read Matthew 6:24 and write down the biblical truth about material wealth.

<p>4.</p>	<p>Have you ever written a budget out or identified exactly how you spend money on a weekly basis? Follow these steps to help identify some possible drainers on you budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pull a current online bank statement and highlight unplanned purchases, ex. Stops to grab coffee at Starbucks, online shopping purchases, meals eaten at restaurants in excess of one per week. B. Add that figure up and write it down. C. Multiple that by 52 weeks and write down the possible yearly budget savings. <p>Sum of unplanned purchases _____ x 52 = \$ _____</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Now that you have identified your relationship with your finances and the possible drainers on your budget. Spend some time reviewing ways to utilize a written budget or spending plan.</p> <p>You can utilize one from the materials in Freed Up or by following this link. https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/392 or on the financial peace website here: https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu?gclid=EAlalQobChMlj_nX5a_R1wIVC_KdpCh2xlQccEAAYASAAEgLT0PD_BwE</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Lastly, write down any trust issue you have with giving a portion of your income to God's work first and then to other great opportunities to be generous.</p> <p>Do you feel like you could make it on 90% if you are obedient to God in tithing?</p>
<p>This is just a start, but I would like to suggest that you decide on a stewardship study if you or your family needs one.</p> <p>We are also available to answer questions about giving to the church, finances in general, or anything else that might be on your mind. https://pccwired.net/contact-us/</p>	

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