

# Overview

## Biblical Finance Class

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**“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful”- 1 Cor.4:2**

# Why should we study Finances at Church?

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- Over 2000 verses in the Bible about finances
- Couples who "disagree about finances once a week" are over 30 percent more likely to get divorced than couples that report "disagreeing about finances a few times a month." Disagreeing about finance means fighting about money.
- Arguing about money is the top predictor of divorce
- Listed as one of the top reasons of committing suicide
- We are called to be light in a dark world, evangelism

# Keys to Success in this Course

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- Commitment to Christ
- Active Prayer Life
- Open Heart
- Hard work
- Dedication
- Completing the Homework

# Steps to Financial Freedom

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1. Emergency Fund- \$1000
2. Eliminate Debt
3. Increase Emergency Fund  
(3-6 month's living expenses)
4. Start Investing for your Retirement
5. Start Investing to help pay for College
6. Pay off Mortgage Early
7. Financial Freedom & Giving Opportunities

# Emergency Fund

*Money set aside specifically for emergencies.*

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- Totally change how an emergency is dealt with
- Less Stressful
- Remove Fear
- Comfort
- Allows you to make better choices in other areas

# Eliminate Debt

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- Definition - something that is owed or that one is bound to pay to or perform for another
- Proverbs 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.
- Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- Romans 13:8 -Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

# Increase Emergency Fund

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- Provides funds for life changing events
- Keeps you from going back into debt
- Provides for bigger emergencies

# Start Investing for your Retirement & College

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- Definition - to put (money) to use, by purchase or expenditure, in something offering potential profitable returns, as interest, income, or appreciation in value.
- Proverbs 28:20 - A faithful man will abound in blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished
- Ecclesiastes 11:2 - Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
- Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

# Pay off Mortgage Early

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- Remove largest fixed expense
- Free up large sums of cash to invest, update your budget, and giving opportunities
- Sense relief and reduced stress
- Peace

# Financial Freedom & Giving Opportunities

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- Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- Created in God's image, and when we are servants and givers, we are happiest
- Praise and Worship, Spiritual Warfare
- More Christ like
- Less selfish
- We are commanded to give

# Why do we want to Save?

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- Emergencies Happen
- We are called to avoid debt at all costs
- To allow God the freedom in your life to help others
- It is a big part of every step

# What does God say about Savings

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- Proverbs 21:20 – 20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
- Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
- Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

# Savings Tips

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- Make saving a priority
- Be consistent and persistent
- Be a good steward of what you have been blessed with
- You have to learn to be a saver, it is not the societal norm
- We need to think different and live different

# Why should we store up savings?

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- Genesis 41: - 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

# Cautions from Scripture

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- 1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- Proverbs 13:11 - Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

# Keys to Saving

## Create a Cash Flow Plan/Budget

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- You'll know where your money is going
- Sense of control and empowerment
- Organization
- Opportunities for communication
- Take advantage of good situations
- Extra money

# Keys to Saving Always Pay Cash

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- Immediate
- Evoke emotion
- You'll spend less
  - 12-18 % more with Credit Card
  - 6-10% more Debit Card
  - McDonalds \$7 vs \$4.50 (55% more)
- Sets you up for bigger deals
- Tangible

# Keys to Saving Envelope System

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- Write Category Name on Envelope
- Put budgeted amount of cash into envelope
- Pay with the cash out of the envelope
- When you run out of cash, you don't spend any more money in that area
- Fastest and easiest way to manage money

# Things to Ponder

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- Cars – illustration
  - Sinking funds – cash set aside for a later purchase
- Proverbs 28:20 - A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- Psalm 62:10 - Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
- Interest over time – illustration

Age	Ben Invests		Arthur Invests	
19	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$2,240	\$0	\$0
20	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$4,749	\$0	\$0
21	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$7,558	\$0	\$0
22	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$10,706	\$0	\$0
23	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$14,230	\$0	\$0
24	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$18,178	\$0	\$0
25	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$22,599	\$0	\$0
26	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$27,551	\$0	\$0
27	\$0	\$30,857	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$2,240
28	\$0	\$34,560	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$4,749
29	\$0	\$38,708	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$7,558
30	\$0	\$43,352	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$10,706
57	\$0	\$924,487	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$607,688
58	\$0	\$1,035,425	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$682,851
59	\$0	\$1,159,676	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$767,033
60	\$0	\$1,298,837	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$861,317
61	\$0	\$1,454,698	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$966,915
62	\$0	\$1,629,261	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$1,085,185
63	\$0	\$1,824,773	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$1,217,647
64	\$0	\$2,043,746	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$1,366,005
65	\$0	<b>\$2,288,996</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,532,166</b>
And he never caught up!				

# Things to Ponder – Decisions over Time

Expense	Cost per day	Cost per month	If invested from age 16-76
Cigarettes	\$3	\$90	\$11,622,000
Gourmet Coffee	\$5	\$150	\$19,371,943
Lunch (5 days a wk)	\$8	\$160	\$20,663,319

Is it Worth It?

\*\*Average Cigarette price is now \$5.74

# Homework

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- Start Reading Proverbs
- Start gathering information on your expenses, write each expense down