

Session 3 - Stewardship on the Move // Buckets (Week of November 3)

Overview: Building on last week's discussion, this session explores stewardship by reflecting on the parable of the shrewd manager in Luke 16:1-13. Our aim is to align our financial habits with God's priorities and reflect His Kingdom values. This week, we'll use the "financial buckets" illustration to evaluate and realign our financial priorities.

Opening Prayer: Pray for wisdom and insight as you explore how to better steward the resources God has entrusted to you.

Icebreaker: What messages does our culture send us about managing money (debt, saving, spending, taxes, giving)? How does this often differ from what God's Word teaches?

Teaching Video: <u>Watch the video featuring Pastor Terry and Pastor Nate</u> discussing how stewardship reflects Kingdom priorities.

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the Shrewd Manager)

Discussion Questions:

- In Luke 16:1-13, the steward plans wisely for his future, even though he's deeply flawed. If this selfish money manager is commended for his shrewdness, how much more should we as Kingdom managers be financially wise? How does being wise with your money reflect your commitment to God's Kingdom?
- 2. Who do you know that seems to be a wise Kingdom manager? What makes them wise?
- 3. Which financial bucket (spending, debt, taxes, saving, giving) have you been neglecting in your life? How can you better align your financial habits with Jesus' Kingdom priorities?
- 4. How can we, as a group, support each other in being wise stewards of our resources?

Taking Action This Week:

- Review your financial habits and create a practical plan to shift your priorities where needed, ensuring they reflect both personal and Kingdom values. Consider using the <u>Budget Worksheet</u> <u>from Crown Financial Ministries</u> to help you become a wise money manager.
- Continue to "make a commitment to make a financial commitment" as we prepare for Commitment Sunday on November 17. Discuss with your family or someone close to you what adjustments or sacrifices you need to make to honor this financial commitment.

Closing Prayer: Pray for a heart of stewardship, asking God to help you honor Him with all that you've been entrusted with, and to use your resources for His purposes.





Budget Worksheet from Crown Financial Ministries

Estimated Budget

Monthly Income

Gross Monthly Income \$				
Salary Interest Dividends	\$ \$			
Other Income	\$			
1. Tithe/Giving 2. Taxes (Federal / State / Fica)	\$			
Net Spendable Inc	ome \$			

Monthly Living Expenses

3. Housing	\$	
Mortgage/Rent	\$	
Insurance	\$	
Property taxes	\$	
Cable TV	\$	
Electricity	\$	
Gas	\$	
Water	\$	
Sanitation	\$	
Telephone	\$	
Maintenance	\$	
Internet service	\$	
Other	\$	
4. Food	\$	
Transportation	\$	
Payments	\$	
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Gas & Oil	\$	
Gas & Oil Insurance	\$ \$	
Gas & Oil Insurance License/Taxes	\$\$ \$\$	
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7. Debts (not including house or auto)	\$	\$			
8. Entertainment/	9	\$			
Recreation					
Eating out	\$		2		
Babysitters	\$		_		
Activities/Trips	\$				
Vacation	\$		-		
Pets	\$				
Other	\$		-		
9. Clothing	\$	\$			
10. Savings	\$	\$			
11. Medical / Dental	9	\$			
Doctor	\$				
Dentist					
Prescriptions			5		
Other					
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12. Miscellaneous	\$	\$			
Toiletries/Cosmetics	\$		_		
Beauty/Barber	\$				
Laundry/Cleaners	\$				
Allowances	\$		-		
Subscriptions	\$				
Gifts			-		
Other	\$		-		
13. Investments	4	\$			
14. School / Childcare	a 9	\$			
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Transportation	\$		-		
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