

Dear Cell Leader, This week I taught on putting your budget first. I think the notes are easy to understand and should open up lively discussion in your cell. The goal is to get people to deal honestly with themselves concerning their use of finances. If no one opens up it will be a long evening.

Have a great cell and don't forget to take attendance and the missions offering. Blessings Pastor Steve

The Blessed Life Session VII "Putting your Budget First"

- I. After putting God first and the other first priorities in their proper place, the logical next step is to take a look at your finances for budgetary purposes.
- II. Jesus directly ties money management to Life management. Lk 14:28-30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it — 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
- III. Solomon wrote a nice little budget for an Israelite ranching household. Pr 27:23-27 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds; 24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations. 25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, 26 The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field; 27 You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.
 - A. What Purpose Does Money and Its Management Play in Our Life?

B. The writer of this parable (ultimately the Holy Spirit) felt that wise financial planning and asset or resource allocation was extremely important. Note how on top of it this manager was.

1. He knew the time when profit taking and reinvestment was to occur, (hay removed, tender grass showing, herbs are gathered in.)
2. He knew which assets to market-- lambs, goats, and goats' milk
3. He knew which resources would meet each need of his budget.
4. Lambs will provide clothing--[shelter]
5. Goats the price of a field--[business expansion]
6. Goats' milk for the food of the household, including the nourishment of the maidservants--[daily and monthly expenses]

7. If good financial management was encouraged at 940 B.C., do you think it might apply for the turn of the 21st century A.D.? This management of our lives is often referred to in Christian circles as stewardship.

- IV. Steward Defined: Anglo Saxon, keeper of a cattle pen
- V. Steward defined more clearly
 1. a man entrusted with the management of the household or estate of another; ...

Dear believer you will always handle money during your lifetime. You must begin to see yourself as a steward over your resources to wisely allocate its uses for Christian service, education, investment, living expenses and every other purpose that this journey of life will take you. You absolutely must prioritize. You simply can't take the stance of, "I never have enough so I don't need to manage what I do get." Wrong, wrong, WRONG. If you are faithful you will be given more by God Himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CELL LEADERS

Please let the people in your cell know about these events and encourage their participation in them.

++++March 14th Daylight Savings Time begins! Don't forget to set your clock one hour ahead Saturday, the 13th before you go to bed!!!

Special Request: The children's dept. needs workers for classes 1, 2, and 3 year olds. Wed. service now over at 8:30pm. All teachers are on a rotation basis.

****NET MTGS.

- WOW Net Mtg. "Miracle Catch" March 16th 6:45-8:15pm with guest Shari Moon
- Outbreak March 13th 6pm with John Moon and Sunday 14th! (Different messages—come out for both!)

+++start bringing in your Easter Candy to the barrel for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. (no Egg Hunt on Saturday) but we will have service!

****ENCOUNTERS:

Men, Women, Youth Encounter—March 26-28th, 2010 \$50.00/person. Please sign up at Info Desk and pick up your information on what to bring.

***** NOTE: NEW INFO HERE!!!! SCHOOL OF LEADERS

++The New Journey Class begins Wed. March 10th! They can start the Journey Class anytime—the book is the same book that contains the pre & post encounter. It will run continuously and give info on the cross, encounter, prayer and much more. A great place to send new believers! They will also be prepared for an encounter when it comes around.

++After an Encounter, Level 1 is recommended (after taking the Journey Class).

++Level 2 and 3 are for those serious about becoming a cell leader. If they are not ready, other specialty classes can be taken such as Marriage and Family, Parenting, Finance, Life Management, Prayer Class and others.

++ The New School of Leaders classes begins on March 31, 2010.

***Cost of books: \$13.00

***Sunday SPECIALTY CLASSES SCHEDULE 2010

Evangelism Class begins March 07, 2010 at 9am-9:55. Parents please pick up your child immediately after the class.

Joy Christian Fellowship

Cell Leader Report Form

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- Women
- Youth
- Children

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