

# DAVID'S MEN

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD



## Stewardship and Generosity

This month we focus on Stewardship and Generosity. Money is often one of the last areas surrendered in a Christian's life, making it one of Satan's most powerful weapons against us. Many men find it more difficult to discuss this area of their lives than sexual integrity. The goal is for you to ask yourself some tough questions and take an honest look at your heart. Do not take this topic lightly.

The Bible has more to say about money and possessions than any other topic:

- There are 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, and more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions.
- Jesus talked about money and possessions in 16 of 38 parables.

Jesus also said: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." – Matthew 6:24

Money is one of the top two causes of divorce. If you're married, it's essential you and your wife are aligned with respect to money, possessions, stewardship, and generosity...so discuss this month's material with your wife.

## Current Month Assignments

- Read *The God Guarantee: Finding Freedom from the Fear of Not Having Enough* (Alexander) and prepare a book summary to share with the group.
- Memorize this month's verses. Review your verses from previous months to ensure they become deeply rooted.
- Draft responses to the questions below and be prepared to discuss them at this month's meeting. Married DMs: Discuss each question with your wife and draft your responses as a couple.
  - What is my (our) biggest obstacle to financial peace? What steps will I (we) take to deal with this obstacle?
  - How well am I (are we) currently stewarding the resources God has entrusted to me (us)? What evidence supports my assessment? What do I (we) need to do to better steward these resources?
  - Read Randy Alcorn's *31 Radical, Liberating Questions to Ask God About Your Giving* (see link in the *Resources* section) and identify the five questions that are most convicting to you. For each of the five questions you've identified: What do you believe God is leading you (and your wife) to do?
- Man-date: This would be a great opportunity to practice saying your verses.

## Resources:

- *31 Radical, Liberating Questions to Ask God About Your Giving* by Randy Alcorn: <http://www.epm.org/resources/2009/Dec/18/31-radical-liberating-questions-ask-god-about-your/>
- **Financial Checklist:** What action steps will you take to strengthen your position in these areas?
  - Will
  - Insurance: Life, health, disability, auto, homeowner's/renter's
  - Monthly Budget
  - Freedom from debt
  - Funding: College savings (kids), retirement savings, wedding savings
  - Teach your children—pass it on!
- Great article about generosity by J.D. Greear: <https://jdgrear.com/blog/the-generosity-matrix/>
- Websites:
  - [www.joesangl.com](http://www.joesangl.com)
  - [www.thesimpledollar.com](http://www.thesimpledollar.com)
  - [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)
  - [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org)
  - [www.mint.com](http://www.mint.com) (budget tool app)
- Books

- *Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey
- *How to Manage Your Money* by Larry Burkett
- *Money, Possessions, and Eternity* by Randy Alcorn
- Scripture (*The following aren't part of this month's scripture memory, but these verses do contain scriptural financial principles.*)
  - Matthew 6:24 - *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*
  - Proverbs 22:7 - *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.*
  - Matthew 6:21 - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*
  - Philippians 4:12-13 - *I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

## Memory Verses

### Be Generous

Proverbs 3:9-10 - Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all you produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### + 1 (for DM veterans)

Hebrews 13:5 - Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."