

## FPU Devotion – Baby Step Three: Emergency Fund

# Financial Peace University

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

*For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. Ecclesiastes 7:12*

## I Steward God's Money and Possessions

There is no denying it, money is an important part of our lives. We need it to provide the necessities of life. Food, clothing, shelter, and transportation all require it. So how should we think about money? The Bible has a lot to say about this important topic.

The Bible teaches that we are to use God's money for our needs and the needs of our family. *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8*

The Bible also teaches that we are to use God's money to spread the Gospel. *Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

We also learn from Scripture that God's heart is turned toward the poor. *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 1 John 3:17*

God instructs us in His Word about the attitude we should have toward money and possessions and how we are to manage them as faithful, wise, and fruitful stewards. FPU gives us helpful tools to manage God's money wisely.



### Discussion Questions:

1. How are we, as Christian stewards, supposed to think about money?
2. How does one go about prioritizing how to steward God's money?
3. What are some cautions the Bible gives us about money?
4. How is having an emergency fund a wise use of God's money?

### Stewardship Truth:

God created me to be a steward. He entrusts me with money to be used to meet my needs and to bless my neighbor.