

## FPU Devotion – Baby Step Two: Debt Snowball

# 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*

*And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28*

## My Identity as God's Steward

Identity asks the question, "Who am I?" Many people spend their entire lives trying to figure that out. Scripture tells us who we are. We are creatures, redeemed children of God, disciples, stewards, and more. Stewards manage what is entrusted to them by the owner for the owner's purposes. God created us to be stewards. We are not owners—He is the one and only owner. The first task that God gave Adam and Eve was a stewardship task. Genesis 2:15 says, *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."*

As stewards by God's design, we know that He entrusts us with relationships and instructs us to manage them so that His will is accomplished. These relationships include our relationship with God, our relationship with ourselves, our relationship with others, our relationship with creation, and our relationship with money and possessions. All of these relationships are important and require faithful, wise, and fruitful stewardship.

We are stewards—that is a significant part of our identity. We look to God's Word for the instruction needed as we steward all the relationships He gives.

How we manage God's money is important to Him. That's why He mentions it so often in His Word. Financial Peace University is one tool that can help us be faithful and fruitful stewards of the money and possessions God entrusts to our care.



### Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss: "Who I am depends on whose I am."
2. How do I steward my relationship to God?
3. How do I steward my relationship to myself?
4. How do I steward my relationship to others?
5. How do I steward my relationship to money?

### Stewardship Truth:

I am God's steward because He created me and redeemed me to be His own. I am privileged to live out that identity each and every day.