

## If Money Talked Financial Peace

**Lose track of your money and lose your peace (Matthew 25:14-19).** The opposite is also true: keep track of your money and find your peace. We make the mistake, however, thinking that financial peace comes from simply having a little bit more. When this is our mindset, unfortunately, there is no amount that equals *enough*. Did you know there are broke millionaires as well as millionaires who are just as stressed about where their finances “went” as everyone else? Financial peace doesn’t come from having more, but rather knowing where our money is and stewarding it well. When we lose track of our money, we lose our peace.

### GET THINGS STARTED

Which do you think is more dangerous for our souls, prosperity or pornography, and why? How can prosperity have a negative effect on us, and why is it difficult at times for us to see prosperity as potentially harmful?

### GO DEEPER

1. The context of Philippians 4:13, that *I can do all things through Him [Christ] who gives me strength*, is Paul talking about money and finding contentment in every situation. What does this verse have to do with money and contentment?
2. From Matthew 25:14-19, how did the servants settle their accounts with their master? What was praised or condemned by the master in Matthew 25:20-27, and why?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How well do you keep track of your finances? How confidently can you say that you are spending your money the way God wants you to spend it?
2. How has God challenged you with this series when it comes to money? What are practical things you might do or change regarding your finances?

### PRACTICE IT NOW

Spend time as a group purposefully thanking God for the blessings He has given you. Like the master in Matthew 25:14-19, God is abundant and generous. If you feel the need to repent for how you’ve handled or managed your finances, do so and receive His grace and mercy. Ask God for specific ways to not only steward your resources well, but also for ways to invest your money to build His Kingdom.

### BLESS

One of the best ways to be an expression of God’s love to those who do not know Him yet is to serve and bless them. What is one small thing you can do to serve a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member (with no strings attached) this holiday season? What steps do you need to take to make that happen?