

# GOD, MONEY & ME: Week 1

## Life Group Notes



### CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is the most you would pay for a pizza?

If you had to be a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

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What is it about money? In the Bible faith is mentioned 215 times, salvation 218 times and money (stewardship & accountability for money) 2,058 times! Why do you think there is such an emphasis on finance in the Bible?

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Check out **Matthew 16:18**. Jesus is wanting to build a glorious church! What kind of church do you think Jesus is wanting to build here at Elim? What role will finance have in being able to make this dream a reality?

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Check out **John 10:10**. In order to grow, or to increase influence, resource (money) is needed. Jesus wants us to have life in abundance, however the devil wants us to be small, ineffective, with no influence = powerless! What is your view of prosperity? What would this look like in your life?

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MONEY determines how & where we live, our future, where we work and our ability to help others. If we are in debt we can't help others, and we have no freedom!

Pastor Ric talked about two money myths that exist:

1. Money is not something we should focus on or talk about
2. God's blessings are not material

Do you agree or disagree with these myths? What other money myths do you think are out there?

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Check out **Genesis 12:2-3**. The promise God gave to Abraham is one that is now ours through Jesus! What do you think 'blessed to be a blessing' means? What would this look like practically in your life?

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Check out **Genesis 1:27-28** and **2 Corinthians 9:8**. We were created to be fruitful, to multiply and to have dominion, to be sufficient, and to have abundance! The enemies goal is to restrict our ability to breakthrough in finance, but God calls us to live a blessed life, and to multiply out that blessing! Do you need to change your thinking in any way about money and the role it plays in your life?

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**WE'RE ABOUT SEEING HEAVEN BREAKTHROUGH INTO EARTH!**

Our very building is a legacy of the investment and money of generations (\$5,000,000). Because of sacrifice and people who have created financial seed to invest, we are able to have such a magnificent property in the heart of the city, where people can encounter God and be changed forever! We have a hub to bless and reach our city. Imagine the kind of future we can create for the generations coming behind us through our sacrifice and investment!

**PRAYER**

Pray that we would have a biblical view of finance, and ask God to transform our thinking where we have been too small.

Pray for one another that we would be blessed to be a blessing!