

# MONEY AND STUFF

## INTRODUCTION

God redeems us and gives us the strength to change. He has already blessed us more than we can ever imagine...

## DISCUSSION

What are the things, that you would say, you are wasting money on right now?

## EXPLANATION

Why is it s hard to give up stupid things and be financially responsible?  
If you made \$10,000 more this year, what would you do with it...really?

## APPLICATION (IN REGARD TO FINANCES)

Are you willing to commit yourself to a deeper relationship with Jesus through His Word & Prayer?  
Are you ready to deal with, and confess, with those issues that are bringing you financially down?  
How have others around you blown it with you monetarily?  
Are you ready to forgive others who have blown it?

## MISSION

Read Luke 5:18-26  
How could your friends help you to live more financially responsible?  
How could you help your friends live more responsibly?  
In what ways could we use our finances to bless those around us?

## HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Galatians 4:1-7  
Define the word "Father"  
What makes a man a "man"?

# GENESIS

THE FINAL CHAPTERS

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PART 67

GENESIS 47:13-27

Malachi 3:8-10  
Genesis 47:13-27

Matthew 6:33  
1 Corinthians 10:13

Luke 5:18-26

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**FILM & THEOLOGY**  
June 21, 6p  
Oz The Great and Powerful

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
6/15, 8a Home Town Buffet

**SUMMER CAMPS**  
eKids! - August 4-9  
High School - July 22-26  
Jr. High - July 29- Aug 2

**CHIX WITH STIX**  
6/15, 9a Cafe Noir

**ELEMENT MOMS**  
5/30, 10am @ Rice Ranch



# GENESIS THE FINAL CHAPTERS: PART 67

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**Matthew 6:33** “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

It’s one thing to use your money on selfish things when you are single; it’s a whole different story when you are married, then with kids, and put them in Debt.

So how do we make things better?

- First, own up to your mistakes- Apologize. Ask God for His spirit of conviction and His help to break the spending desires.
- Second, forgive. Ask God to grant you the strength to forgive someone for their screw up’s. This type of forgiveness can only come from God.
- Third, get some financial and spiritual help. It’s not about how to get rich, it is about managing your money in a way that honors God.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLIFF NOTES:

1. **Step #1 - Save \$1,000 for emergencies.**  
When the emergency comes, you don’t use the credit card, you use your emergency fund. Then replenish it.
2. **Step #2 - Make a budget.**  
You need to know where your money is going. **(SEND AN EMAIL TO FPU@OURELEMENT.ORG AND ASK FOR ONE)**. You must also understand how God fits into your budget, everything we have is a gift from Him. We are stewards...if we understood that, it would changes how we budget and spend.
3. **Step 3 - Cut the cards.**  
Now that you have the emergency \$1,000, you don’t really NEED the credit card. This will take some trusting in God (and possibly doing without).
4. **Step 4 - Dumping debt**  
When you are done paying off Debt and before you take that money and start paying off the mortgage, FPU says put 3 months of expenses into savings, as a stronger emergency fund. Because we all know stuff happens. Then roll the money to paying off the mortgage.

5. **Step 5 - The Great Misunderstanding.**

God is clear on giving, He doesn’t need our money, but there are a number of reasons we give. Bottom line He commands it because He knows WE NEED IT. It makes our hearts more receptive to being generous, it helps us trust Him more, and we get to see His resources help others.

Money is a very spiritual thing, we are just being the stewards.

Here are a few questions that will help you understand your attitude towards money. It’s like a spiritual barometer.

## HOW DO YOU GET YOUR MONEY? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY?

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