

LIFE Group Session 6

# The Real McCoy in My Financial Health

## CHECKING IN

- Which of the seven relational health verses from your devotional reading this past week was the most meaningful to you?
- When it comes to money are you more of a saver or a spender?

## MEMORY VERSE

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine” (Proverbs 3:9-10).*

## VIDEO: THE REAL MCCOY IN MY FINANCIAL HEALTH

Watch the LIFE Group Video for week 6 above or at [www.celebrate.church/mccoy](http://www.celebrate.church/mccoy) and follow along in your notes.

## SEVEN HABITS FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH

**1. I must trust God as my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“Everything comes from God and it exists by His power and is intended for His glory” (Romans 11:36).*

*“Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth” (Deuteronomy 8:18).*

**2. I must keep \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“Riches can disappear fast...so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds” (Proverbs 27:23-24).*

**3. I must give the first \_\_\_\_\_ back to God.**

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives” (Deuteronomy 14:23).*

*“Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns to overflowing!” (Proverbs 3:9-10).*

**4. I must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the future.**

*“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets” (Proverbs 21:20).*

*“Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow” (Proverbs 13:11).*

*“Develop your business first before building your house” (Proverbs 24:27).*

**5. I must set up a \_\_\_\_\_ to get myself out of debt.**

*“Don’t withhold repayment of your debts” (Proverbs 3:27).*

*“Let no debt remain outstanding” (Romans 13:8).*

**6. I must \_\_\_\_\_ my spending.**

*“Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough” (Proverbs 21:5).*

*“Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it” (Proverbs 21:20).*

**7. I must \_\_\_\_\_ what I have.**

*“Godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6).*

*“It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else” (Ecclesiastes 6:9)*

*“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for God has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:5).*

*“Don’t worry...Your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well what you need, and He will give it to you if you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to live” (Matthew 6:31-33).*

You have to decide if you are going to trust God or yourself with your finances. Are you going to do it your way or are you going to do it God’s way?

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

Pick at least one or two of the following questions to discuss:

- What difference does it make when you consider that your money is on loan from God?
- How might your financial habits change if you asked yourself every day, “How does God want me to spend His money?”
- Why do money issues cause so much stress in people’s lives? What would life look like if we put our trust in God instead of our finances?
- Why do you think so many people find it hard to budget? What tools have you found helpful in “telling your money where it should go?”

## PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

- Where do you want to be three months from now with your financial health?
- What is one thing you will do to take a step in that direction? Not one thing you could do, or might do, but one thing you will do. If you are married, be sure to talk with your spouse and come to an agreement on your financial goal. Review the video notes to help you with ideas. Share your goal with one other person in your group.

## MY THREE-MONTH GOALS

Write your financial health goal here:

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## PRAYER DIRECTION

- Pray for your group’s prayer requests.
- Be sure to remember to pray for any financial needs that might have been expressed in your time together as a group.

## DIVING DEEPER

- Read the daily devotions for days thirty-six through forty-two.
- Read the Memory Verse every day this week as part of your quiet time. See if you can have it memorized before your next group meeting. Here it is again:  
*“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine”* (Proverbs 3:9-10).
- Visit Celebrate’s Resource Page at [www.celebrate.church/resources](http://www.celebrate.church/resources) for financial tools.

## FOR YOUR GROUP

Consider for your next group study, taking your LIFE Group through the Financial Peace University curriculum. The FPU material can be done in a small group setting, and will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend, and save wisely. Contact the church office for more information at 605-357-7067.

## LIFE Group Covenant

WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES:

### **Clear Purpose**

To grow healthy, spiritual lives by balancing the five biblical purposes in the LIFE Group.

### **Group Attendance**

To give priority to the group meeting (call if I am absent or late).

### **Safe Environment**

To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved, so we will be careful with being judgmental, giving quick answers, and offering our simple fixes to complex situations.

### **Be Confidential**

To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.

### **Conflict Resolution**

To avoid gossip and to immediately resolve any concerns by following the principles of Matthew 18:15-17, which begins with going directly to the person with whom you have an issue.

### **Spiritual Health**

To challenge and encourage one another to live a healthy and balanced spiritual life that is pleasing to God.

### **Limit our Freedom**

To limit our freedom by not serving or consuming alcohol during Celebrate LIFE Group meetings or events so as to avoid causing a weaker believer to stumble. (1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Romans 14:19-21)

### **Welcome Newcomers**

To invite our friends who might benefit from this study and warmly welcome newcomers.

### **Building Relationships**

To get to know one another even outside the group time and pray for one another regularly.

### **Mission Motivated**

To work toward understanding how our group can effectively participate in Celebrate's mission opportunities.

### **Shared Responsibility**

To work with each other to share group leadership.

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