

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER To God be the Glory
 PRAYER
 UPDATES Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER God I look to You
 Over all the Earth
 BIBLE READING Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (Church Bible page 722)
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER Goodness of God
 Light of the World
 Jesus you endured my pain (Because of Your love)



Pounds and Pence ~3
 How to stay debt free
 Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

'If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth who will trust you with true riches?' Luke 16:11 NIV

1. Keep good _____. (Principle of Accounting)

'Riches can disappear fast... so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and herds.' Proverbs 27:23-24 LB

'Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get.' Proverbs 23:23 LB

1. You ought to know what you own.
2. You need to know what you owe.
3. You need to know what you earned.
4. You need to know where it goes.

_____ of your financial condition plus easy
 _____ equals _____.

2. Plan your _____. (Principle of Budgeting)

'Plan carefully and you will have enough; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.' Proverbs 21:5 TEV

'Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.'
 Proverbs 21:20 TEV

3. Save for the _____. (Principle of Saving)

'The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.' Proverbs 21:20 LB

'Ants know how to store up food in the summer so they're ready for the winter.' Proverbs 6:8 TEV

4. Return _____ back to God. (Principle of Tithing)

"Bring to My storehouse a full tenth of what you earn... Test Me in this,' says the Lord. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need." Malachi 3:10 NCV

1. It's an act of gratitude.
2. It's an act of priority.
3. It's a statement of faith.

'On the first day of every week put aside some of what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.' 1 Corinthians 16:2 LB

5. Enjoy what you _____. (Principle of Contentment)

'It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else.' Ecclesiastes 6:9 TEV

'If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless.' Ecclesiastes 5:10 TEV

'If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should be grateful and enjoy what we have worked for. It is a gift from God.' Ecclesiastes 5:19 TEV

What most people do: The order God blesses:

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| 1. Earn it | 1. Earn it |
| 2. Spend it | 2. Tithe it |
| 3. Repay it | 3. Save it |
| 4. Save it | 4. Repay it |
| 5. Give it | 5. Enjoy it |

'If I have put my trust in money and my happiness depends on wealth it would mean that I have denied the God of heaven.' Job 31:24,28 LB



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What is something in your life that you have a detailed plan for? How did you develop the plan? Why did you choose that particular area to have a plan?
2. Which one of these best describes how you would begin to explain where your money goes each month?
 - I couldn't tell you the first thing about where my money goes.
 - I'm not sure where it all goes, but I could tell you where I suspect too much of it's going.
 - I can tell you where every pound goes.
3. In his letter to the Christians in Galatia, Paul gives a number of instructions on how to find freedom in life by following Christ. A key one is to 'walk by the Spirit,' where we are nudged by God through our consciences. Given that context, read Galatians 5:16–17.
 - When it comes to money, how is what the flesh desires in contrast to what walking by the Spirit looks like?
 - At the end of verse 17, Paul likens 'acts of the flesh' to doing 'whatever you want.' What are some consequences of doing 'whatever we want' with our money?
4. Read Galatians 5:22–23. How can our money and possessions be used to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit?
5. Discuss each one of the 5 principles that Pastor Phill went through. In each principle, what might be the next steps a person could take to turn each principle into a reality?
6. Whether you are in a season where you have extra or not enough money, how can seeing God as the 100 percent owner of it all change your perspective?
 - As a manager, what steps can you take toward being less fearful and more purposeful with your Master's money?

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