

# COMPASS

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SHORT COURSE

Christian Worldview of Money  
Spending \$ God's Way

# Your Guides

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# Agenda

- The high points – God’s foundation
- Faithfulness is the Goal
  - Faithful to the Will
  - Faithful in the Use
  - Faithful to the Finish
- Q&A

# God Has Much to Say About Money

2,350

7%

15%

40%

# God's Expectation = Our Alignment

Galatians 1:10

Make pleasing God the goal.

Luke 12:13-21

God's objective for us is not wealth or self accumulation. Retirement to a life of leisure is not biblical and can have significant consequences.

Matthew 6:19-21

Focus on building your ROCK (Return On Christ's Kingdom), not your earthly ROI.

Matthew 25:14-30

God expects a return on His investment in us. There's upside when we do, and downside when we don't.

Haggai

Build God's house, not ours, and we will be blessed later.

Revelation 13:16-17

The mark of the beast is money. God or money, now or later. Condition yourself to choose God now, to save your life later.

# How We Spend \$ is a Daily Battle

## Spirit vs. Flesh

Romans 8:6

*The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.*

# One Desired Outcome

## Well Done...

Matthew 25:21

*“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful...’”*



# 2 Precursors to Spending \$ God's Way

## 1) Embracing God's ownership

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

*“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power.”*

# 2 Precursors to Spending \$ God's Way

## 2) Surrendered to Lordship of Christ

Matthew 6:24

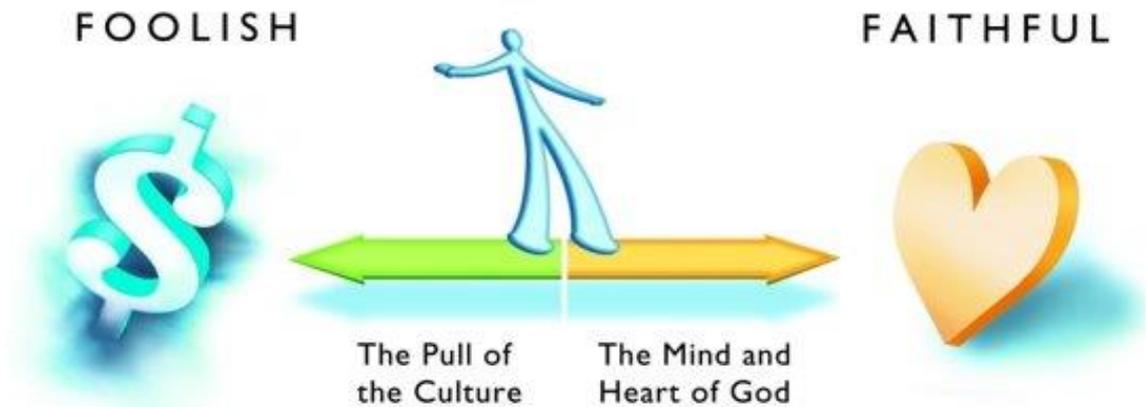
*“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

John 15:5

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

# Faithfulness is the Goal

## Which way will it be for me?



***“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose.”***

-- Jim Elliot

# Faithfulness is the Goal

## Faithful: one that does the WILL of the Father

### Matthew 21:28-31

*<sup>28</sup>“But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>The son answered, ‘No, I won’t go,’ but later he changed his mind and went anyway. <sup>30</sup>Then the father told the other son, ‘You go,’ and he said, ‘Yes, sir, I will.’ But he didn’t go. <sup>31</sup>“Which of the two obeyed his father?” They replied, “The first.”*

### Matthew 6:10

*Your kingdom come, your WILL be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## 1 Corinthians 4:2

*Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*

## Luke 16:11

*“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the **USE** of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you.”*

### **Use:**

- Implies God’s Ownership for our use
- How we give, save & spend will determine if we are entrusted the true riches

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## The Plot: Villains that try to destroy faithfulness.

Villain #1: Satan

John 10:10

*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.  
My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

James 4:2

*So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil,  
and he will flee from you.*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## Villains that try to destroy faithfulness:

### Villain #2: Flesh—Worry & Greed

#### Matthew 6:25-34

25“Therefore I tell you, do not **WORRY** about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by **WORRYING** add a single hour to your life? 28“And why do you **WORRY** about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not **WORRY**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not **WORRY** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## Villains that try to destroy faithfulness:

### Villain: Flesh—Greed

#### 1 Timothy 6:6-10

*<sup>6</sup>Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.*

*<sup>7</sup>After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.*

*<sup>8</sup>So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.*

*<sup>9</sup>But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.*

*<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## Villains that try to destroy faithfulness:

Flesh: Greed

### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*<sup>17</sup>Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.*

*<sup>18</sup>Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.*

*<sup>19</sup>By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.*

*“Jesus didn’t die so we could be better managing materialists” unnamed Pastor*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## Villains that try to destroy faithfulness:

Flesh: Greed

Luke 12:15

Then he said, *“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”*

James 5:1-3

*<sup>1</sup>Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. <sup>2</sup>Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment.*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

**Opportunity:** *Don't be a FOOL. Go for a RICH relationship with God*

*"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:21*

- Next 30 days: Pray this prayer:

***God, why did you give me more than I need?***

- *Ask the Holy Spirit to help us to make changes*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 24 I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" 25 The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. 26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "**Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.**" Matthew 19:23*

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend

## Faithful Stewards

- **Enjoyment** of God's Blessings
- **Commitment** to Serving Christ
- **Discernment** of God's Definition of Wealth
- **Contentment** with God's Provisions

***Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.***

- Philippians 4:11

# Faithful in the USE: Give, Save & Spend



# Faithful to the Finish

## Eternal vs. Earthly:

- We can choose to focus our lives on temporary wealth and stuff, but God offers us treasure that lasts forever.
- We are meant to use possessions and love people, not love possessions and use people.

[Matthew 6:19-21](#)

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

# Faithful to the Finish

## Invest Time In People (Discipleship):

- Every living person receives daily 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, 86,400 seconds
- We must invest time into discipling others (Great Commission)
- Invest your time in people and causes that draw people closer to God, improve lives and help them find purpose

### *Ephesians 5:15-17*

*So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise, but live wisely. Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish but learn what the Lord wants you to do.*

# Faithful to the Finish

## No Mystery in the Money

- Track it ALL: Give, Save & Spend
- Use the **4C's** *Foundation to financial stability & success*
  - Capture
  - Categorize
  - Compare
  - Change



*Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; Proverbs 27:23*

# Faithful to the Finish

## Challenge:

- Next 30 days: Pray this prayer:  
***Lord, is there anything you would have me/us change?***
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to make changes*

James 4:17

*Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it*

# Faithful to the Finish

## Finish Well

*“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful...* Matthew 25:21

*Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.* Revelation 3:21



# Continue Your Journey

- PDF with opportunities
- Continue your Financial Discipleship journey:  
<http://continuegrowing.org/>
- Engage with others on their Financial Discipleship journey:  
<http://helpothersgrow.org/>
- Pay it forward; help Future Generations learn, apply and multiply finances God's way <https://compass1.org/donate/>

# Ready to Start Your Journey?



**Questions?**