"MAKING IT COUNT"

RECESSION PROOF YOUR LIFE – PT. 4

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PROV. 21:20 (NIV) In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR MONEY COUNT

1) MANAGE _____

MATT. 25:16 (NLT) The servant who received the five bags of gold began immediately to invest the money and soon doubled it.

2) PRIORITIZE _____

✓ *Return to* _____

PROV. 3:9-10 (NIV) 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.

DEUT. 14:23c (LB) … The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

✓ *Build your* _____

✓ *Eliminate* _____

ROM. 13:8a (NIV) Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another…

✓ *Save* _____

PROV. 21:20 (LB) The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

PROV. 6:6,8 (NLT) Take a lesson from the ants... Learn from their ways and be wise! … they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.

PROV. 30:25 (NLT) Ants aren't strong, but they store up food for the winter.

3) INVEST _____

MATT. 25:16 (NLT) The servant who received the five bags of gold began immediately to invest the money and soon doubled it.

WISE INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

✓ *Don't try to* _____

PROV. 13:11 (NLT/NIV) Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

✓ _____

ECCL. 11:2 (TEV/NLT) Put your investments in several places—many places even—for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.

✓ *Invest in that which will* _____

1 TIM. 6:18-19 (LB) Use your money to do good. Be rich in good works and give happily to those in need … By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity!

LUKE 16:9 (NLT/NIV) I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends…so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

MATT. 16:26a (NLT) And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process?

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Digging Deeper: Small Group Questions …

- Have you ever experienced any of the 7 Wonders of the World? (If yes, share your experience.)
- What side of the 8th wonder of the world are you living on?
- Where are you at in the prioritization process? Which is the next point of action for you?
- Where are you investing your life? In what ways are you storing up treasure in Heaven?