

Finding Financial Peace

As the House of Praise gathers the prayer requests each year and categorizes them, prayers for finances is always near the top year after year. To help answer this need, we are starting a series today called Financial Peace. May God's word help us all achieve Financial Peace this year.

Jesus said, "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So **don't be troubled or afraid.**" John 14:27

The words financial & peace don't seem to go together.

**70% of people live paycheck to paycheck
30% have enough money for bills**

**55% of people worry about money but 70% don't
have enough \$...the rest don't care or what?**

There are many people who believe a pastor shouldn't talk about \$

The Bible Talks a lot about MONEY

- The gospels contain more warnings about money than any other subject.
- 1/4 verses in the Gospels, 1/6 in New Testament, and 1/2 the parables of Jesus deal with money!!
- Judas betrayed the Lord for money.
- First sin in the promised land involved stealing money. (Josh. 7:20-21)
- The first recorded sin of New Testament church was lying about an offering. (Acts 5:1-10)
- The last warning to the church involves trusting in money. (Rev. 3:17)

Steps to Finding Financial Peace

1. Involve **God in your finances.**

Do you pray over food but not over your store purchases?
God didn't cook the food but He provided the money for it.

PRAY before big purchases.

The Question is NOT can I afford this?

The Question is: **God do you want me to have this?**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need. Matthew 6:33

As we seek His Kingdom first, He will provide.

2. Obey God's **COMMANDS about your finances.**

Tithing is commanded and acknowledges you want God Involved in your finances.

If you want God involved in your finances, the first step is tithing.

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. **If you do,**” says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! **Try it! Put me to the test!**” Malachi 3:10

If you want to have financial peace then tithing isn't optional. It is the key to blessing.

The only place in the Bible where God says we can test Him.

You must set aside a tithe of your crops—**one-tenth** of all the crops you harvest each year. Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored...Deuteronomy 14:22-23a

The bible is clear that it's 10% and that it is given to the local church. Offerings above this can go anywhere.

3. Learn How to Manage the **Other 90%**

Go to a Financial Peace Connect Group

Invest in your future.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. Matthew 6:24

People think, “I don't serve money. I'm not greedy.”

That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

Matthew 6:25

Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

Matthew 6:27

****WORRY** & **DEBT** make us slaves**

Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender. Proverbs 22:7

House of Praise wants to help you find Financial Peace, free from worry and true Financial Freedom from debt.

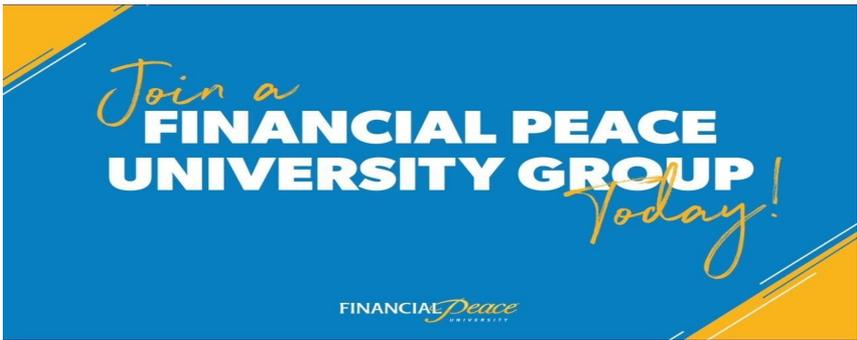
Closing Thought

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Before you can find financial peace, you must have peace with God.

My Next Steps this week:

- ❑ Attend a Financial Peace Connect Group ONLINE [sign up TODAY](#).
- ❑ Honor God through the tithe. NoPerfectPeopleHERE.com/give or Text HOPNY to 77977



Next Week: Practical Steps to Financial Peace.