

# Financial Peace

## Introduction:

- You have heard it said, *It is never too late to start.*
  1. This applies to m\_\_\_\_\_ things (losing weight, learning a language, etc.)
  2. It certainly applies to handing f\_\_\_\_\_ God's way.
- Financial Peace University teaches a l\_\_\_\_\_ that will result in p\_\_\_\_\_
  1. Not peace with y\_\_\_\_\_ (although you'll gain this)
  2. Not peace with your s\_\_\_\_\_ (although you may gain this)
  3. Not peace with your c\_\_\_\_\_ (although you'll gain this)
  4. But peace with G\_\_\_\_\_ because you are handling money His way.

## Why handle your finances God's way?

- Because God owns e\_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 24:1)
  1. He created mankind to be s\_\_\_\_\_ over what He owns (Gen 1:26-28) but mankind messed up.
  2. When you entrusted your life to Jesus, you surrendered o\_\_\_\_\_ of your life to Him (1 Cor 6:19).
    - a. He bought you with His b\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. We therefore must put all things under His guidance, including our finances.
- Because money will become a m\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 6:24)
  1. The lowest t\_\_\_\_\_ of our faithfulness to God is how we handle money (Lk 16:11)
  2. God wants us to be free from financial s\_\_\_\_\_

## What are some biblical principles to financial peace?

- Baby Step 1 & 3 – s\_\_\_\_\_ for emergencies.
  1. The story of J\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 37-45)
    - a. He was recognized as being a w\_\_\_\_\_ steward
    - b. He was given the task to set aside abundance in the seven years of plenty to make it through the seven years of f\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Some wrongly think that “saving for a rainy day” is not trusting God. On the contrary, it is w\_\_\_\_\_ and living paycheck to paycheck is f\_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 21:20).

- Baby Step 2 – paying off all your non-mortgage d\_\_\_\_\_ using the debt snowball.
- 1. Prov 22:7 – the borrower is the lender’s s\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. This proverb was written so people would take the w\_\_\_\_\_ choice of not going into debt.
  - b. This means we need to do everything possible to get out of debt and s\_\_\_\_\_ out of debt.
- 2. We live in a “I want it n\_\_\_\_\_” society which only creates financial stress!

**Conclusion:**

●If you have not completed Financial Peace University, come to the first session without obligation.

●If you have completed Financial Peace University, come to the first session to be “used” as a source of encouragement.

●If we cannot handle God’s money His way, how can we expect Him to entrust us with the true spiritual riches? (Luke 16:11)

●Imagine if every family unit in this church had a healthy emergency fund and was debt free. How would that change how God uses us to grow us in Christ and bring the world to Christ?