

# OLD MAN NEW MAN T.V.

EQUIPPING MEN FOR THIS LIFE AND BEYOND

## ***Old Man New Man – Show Me the Money I***

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.” Psalm 24:1*

Statistics show that most divorced couples cite “money problems” as the top factor in the breakup. When it comes to money we men are more risk takers and tend to forget saving for emergencies. We’re also goal driven and often use money as a scorecard. That’s one of the reasons why we struggle with self-esteem when there are financial problems. Ladies on the other hand tend to see money as a security issue, so they are usually the ones wanting to save for a rainy day. Because of their need for security, ladies can have a level of fear when there are financial problems or careless spending going on. Let’s see if we can make this issue add up.

1. If you were to describe your relationship with Jesus, how would you describe it?
  - a. Best friend, counselor, guide or what?
2. Pastor Labrador started with a basic question. Let’s talk about it: What is money?
  - a. They say that if you want to know what is most important for a person then you need to look at his/her checkbook register.
  - b. Share what your checkbook register would say about you?
3. From a management perspective contrast managing your own resources with the thinking that “God owns it all.”
  - a. How does that change your world view?
4. Rob Taylor illustrated from his own marriage how couples could be going in opposite directions: one is a spender and the other a saver. This can be both a blessing and a problem.
  - a. Share a story of someone you know that experienced a problem from this difference?
  - b. Share how it’s blessed you or someone you know?
5. Rob mentioned that there are 2300 references to money in the Bible; 16 of the 38 parables of Jesus had to do with money; and 1 of 10 verses in the Gospel has

some connection with money. Money is certainly important in Scripture. Go over the following verses and discuss the lesson they are teaching:

- a. Luke 18:18-29 discuss verse 25
  - b. Matthew 6:19-20
  - c. Acts 4:32-36 talk about Joseph Barnabas
6. Giving is an important part of Biblical money management. Paul suggested that it be the first thing the church did each week.
- a. Why is giving so important for God?
  - b. How does your financial contribution to the church reflect your own walk with God?
  - c. What difference does it make?
  - d. How does God give?
7. Do you have financial management plan?
- a. Are you happy with it?
  - b. What do you need to do different?

Chances are that if you're married, one of you is good at working numbers and the other one isn't good at working numbers. The problem is when the saver neglects the input of the spender or when the spender avoids participating in the financial dealings altogether. Let's face it, most of us never got proper training in managing, budgeting, investing or in running our personal finances.

Here are some points that will help you in your journey:

1. Know what you really spend by tracking your spending
  - a. Decide as a couple where you want your money to go before you spend it.
  - b. Limit, reduce and eliminate your debt.
2. Remember the 5 short term uses of money which are:
  - a. debt
  - b. taxes
  - c. savings
  - d. living expenses
  - e. giving
3. Four things you must do concerning your money:
  - a. Accept responsibility for wise financial practices.
  - b. Make sure you have provided for the future.
  - c. Provide a safe place for keeping all your important financial

information.

d. Keep growing in your financial understanding.

How are you doing with these points?

Pray together: Ask God to give your group the ability to recognize personal needs in financial management.

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