

# TRANSFORMED

When Faith Meets Finances

## Session 2 – PRIORITIES

### Ownership

1. I will seek God's will in all matters. (Matthew 6:33)
2. I will give the "first fruits" to the Lord. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

### Responsibility

1. I will live in integrity.
2. I will seek wisdom.
3. I will provide for my family. (1 Timothy 5:8)
4. I will not buy things I can't afford.

### Eternal

1. I will value and invest in God's kingdom.
2. I will choose to be content. (Hebrews 13:5)
3. I will not play the comparison game.

### Generosity

1. I will respond to needs and opportunities.
2. I will share what I have. (1 Timothy 6:17-19) Tyler

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What would be some examples of how God might slip a few notches in priority when it comes to our finances?
- Here are some "priority perverters". How do these sabotage the correct view of priorities?

I will push back what's most important by choosing...

- What is most comfortable.
- What is most convenient.
- What is most concrete.
- What is most consumable.

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- Read Proverbs 3:9-10. “First fruits” giving requires a current trust that God will keep providing in the future. The first fruits were considered holy to God and therefore belonging to God. It was a foretaste of more to come and was offered in thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness to provide. How are you tested with this principle of current trust for future provision?(See also Exodus 23:19 or Nehemiah 10:35, 37)
- Read the account of a lack of integrity/responsibility of finances in Acts 5:1-11. What “priority” principles were violated here?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:5. What do you think that looked like then and what would it look like now?
- What things would change if you developed the “eternal priority mentality” that asked, *“What would provide the greatest eternal rate of return on this portion of our finances?”*
- How could you prioritize these two kinds of generosity:
  - Faithful or consistent generosity.
  - Spontaneous generosity.
- Let’s say you are slightly in debt. Would it be wise to focus your finances by paying off this debt before starting to practice tithing or giving “generously”? Why or why not?

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## Take Home Questions

- What was the most challenging “priority” concept that you heard today?
- I/we feel that we have misplaced financial priorities in this specific way:

In order to correct that, I/we would need to:

- If I/we had to re-prioritize our finances, the following areas would need to be addressed (*put a check mark by the top three*) :

- Housing
- Vacations
- Recreation
- Dining out
- Savings
- Retirement
- Education
- Clothing
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- After this session, I/we would be willing to reprioritize my/our finances in this specific way:

## **Transforming Principles (Last Week Review)**

Romans 12:1-2

### **1. The principle of Ownership.**

Psalm 24:1

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Matthew 19:21-22

### **2. The principle of Responsibility.**

Matthew 25:14-28

Colossians 3:23-24

I Corinthians 4:2

Luke 16:10-13

### **3. The principle of Eternity.**

I Timothy 6:7

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 25:21

Hebrews 13:5

### **4. The principle of Generosity.**

II Corinthians 8:1-7

II Corinthians 9:6-7

Acts 2:42-45

I Timothy 6:17-18

I John 3:17

Galatians 6:9-10