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Session 4 – “Tangible Transformation”

Big Idea: A commitment of transformation is more than about ideas or words – it will result in tangible differences sustained over time.

Here are some practical ways that you can commit to your faith/financial transformation. Check any that will apply to the commitments you are making:

- Reduce spending on personal, self-centered items.
- Communicating with my spouse (regularly) on the status of our spending plan.
- Release of my “ownership rights” on that which is owned by God.
- Trust God by increasing the level of our regular giving.
- Keep track of all spending habits for one month.
- Work deliberately on an emergency fund.
- Demonstrate a “first fruit” commitment rather than a “left-over” mentality.
- Conduct a “spring-cleaning” inventory of stuff we don’t need and use these funds toward our giving.
- Look for a spontaneous giving opportunity each week.
- Determine the best eternal rate of return on what I want to leave behind – and make a change in my estate to reflect that long-term perspective.
- Make my giving more consistent by setting up an online giving or an automatic withdrawal plan.
- Exercise discipline in major purchasing decisions by waiting 1 month.

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- Be intentional and creative in being hilariously generous.
- Start to reduce our debt with the “debt snowball” strategy (paying off the smallest balance first and moving on to the next debt.)
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Small Group Discussion Questions:

Read Romans 12:1-2, the theme verse for this series. The New American Standard version of verse 2 reads:

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may **prove** what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

What would be the proof that there has been some kind of transformation of your mind when it comes to your faith and finances? How substantial is the evidence of this proof?

How would you know if you achieved “success” in your faith/financial commitment? (What would be measurable or tangible?)

If you had to teach your children one lesson that you’ve picked up from this series, what would it be – and why? What impact will this lesson make in **your** life?

What will be the toughest commitment for you to make – and to stick with over time?