

# LIVING BEYOND BLESSED PART I

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### INTRODUCTION

- We get blessed to bless others, we get to give.
- You can be generous and still not be healthy financially.
- The Bible is the ultimate financial guide.
- Over 2,000 references to money and possessions in the Bible.
- 16 of the 38 parables or stories Jesus taught had to do with money or possessions.

### I. IT TAKES TWO LEGS TO WALK

- Stewardship is critical.
- It takes two legs to walk...generosity and stewardship are those two legs when it comes to biblical finances.
- God can't bless you if you waste money and are a poor steward.
- God's wants to bless others and He is looking for people to do that.
- It was God's idea to bless people...for what? To bless others.
- Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT), "I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others...All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

### II. WHY TALK ABOUT MONEY?

- Every time someone worships in the Bible they bring an offering.
- Tithing and giving were God's idea, not peoples.
- It is a blessing to learn to give.
- It is always about the heart. Matthew 6:21 (NIV), "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- The Lord is looking for generous people who are good stewards.

### III. BEING A BLESSING

- God blesses us because He wants to bless His kids.
- It isn't wrong to want to drive a dependable car.
- But you also have to have a heart for others.
- I Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV) Prayer of Jabez... "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."
- Jabez asks God to bless him so he won't be a pain to others but a blessing.
- This is the heart of God and the message of the Word.
- Do unto others...and desire to be able to help others.
- Being a blessing...blessed to be a blessing.

### CLOSE

- You have to be able to manage your finances in order to be a blessing.
- Learn to live below your means instead of beyond them, which is how most of us have been taught.
- We have Financial Peace University (FPU) to teach you how much you lose when you live in debt to everyone around you.
- Debt is not a blessing.