PERSPECTIVES PART 3
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INTRODUCTION

- Our perspective always determines our direction.
- But sometimes our perspective is off, even wrong, clueless, or lost.
- Jesus spent much of His time trying to correct wrong perspectives.
- Week 1 we talked about the treasure principle – Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Week 2 we talked about the goal we have with our money and keeping a clear perspective.
- Everything comes from God and everything belongs to God so honor God with everything.
- Today we will talk about living in the black. How you keep perspective.

I. LOSING PERSPECTIVE

- When we make a mistake financially we don't know it immediately…it takes time.
- Lose your way over time, lose your perspective over time.
- We are all impacted by our families and how they handled money.
- Gale and I went to Larry Burkett and learned how much money you lose when you use credit.
- We knew we were accountable to God with our money, but stuff is still a battle.
- We had to decide money goals.

II. TWO WAYS TO GET AHEAD

- Save and move slowly.
- Borrow and move quickly.
- God is making promises to Israel if they will follow Him.
- Deuteronomy 28:12, "The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty…You will lend to many nations, but will borrow from none."
- Part of the blessing of God is that you will have the ability to lend, but not borrow.

III. GOD KNOWS SOMETHING WE DON'T

- Why would God say debt was bad?
- Debt makes us slaves.
- Proverbs 22:7, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender."
- No qualifications…when someone owes someone else they become a slave to that organization or company.
- God is saying you can't have two masters.
- God is asking us, "Why would you give up your freedom for stuff? For status, for insecurity?"
- Why? Answer is we lack self-control.
- Proverbs 25:28, "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."
- You have got to change your perspective.

IV. CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE AND GET FREE

- How many times have you wanted to be generous and you couldn't?
- You need a plan, and a conviction.
- You had the wrong perspective concerning debt. You thought it was good!
- But it's bad! It hurts you.

CLOSE

- Decide today.
- Get free…and you will have more peace and be able to be more generous.
- I want to honor God with all my money. I want to change my perspective of spending money.