

## Financial Margin

1 Timothy 6:6-10, Proverbs 21:20, Matthew 6:19-21, Malachi 3:8-10, Proverbs 15:16 and Proverbs 8:18-19

1. How are you currently experiencing financial stress?

2. How does that stress affect your life?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Proverbs 21:20.

These verses encourage us to not be foolish with money, but to be content with what we have. We are also warned not to be lured by money's temptation.

3. Even though we all know better, why do think most of us tend to be foolish with our money and possessions?

4. How have you seen the stress caused by lack of financial margin limit your relationship with God and your ability to minister and give to others?

Read Matthew 6:19-21.

Jesus instructs us in this passage to store up treasures in heaven and not on earth.

5. Where your money goes, your heart follows. Based on how you spend your money, which types of treasures are you currently storing up?

6. What can you do to start putting God first in your life instead of money?

Read Malachi 3:8-10.

God asks us in this passage to test Him so that we can experience the blessings that result from tithing.

7. Describe how you have seen tithing build your faith and break the cycle of materialism and consumerism in your life.

Read Proverbs 15:16 and Proverbs 8:18-19.

These scriptures tell us that when we put God first instead of money, we become supernaturally content and we end up with more of what matters.

8. How have you found contentment in God? How does it compare to the contentment money and possessions bring?

9. In what ways has God blessed you with more of the things that truly matter in life?