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## Maranatha Men's Training Camp

# Life in the Balance...

## 5 Essential Areas of a Man's Life

### *Our FINANCIAL Mindset*



*"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." ... 1John 2:15 (ESV)*

*For this Series, 3 words are important for us to learn and know...as they describe the necessary steps to moving forward in growth, dedication, and diligence...as men who understand God's Word, and are purposeful to do as it says...*

## MAIN POINT

- **Mindset:** How you think. What you believe. (How you think will have a direct effect on how you live).
- **Motivation:** That which inspires you to take what you believe and put it to action.
- **Methodology:** What you are going to do to make it happen. The committed steps and actions you are going to take to grow as a man of God and see your life changed for the better!

### Recognizing and Giving Attention to the Essential Areas of our lives...

*The strength or weakness of these essential areas will have a direct effect on your life...*

- Spiritual (Commitment, Faith, Relationship with Jesus)
- Personal (Choices, Priorities, Physical/Emotional Health)
- Relational (Spouse, Kids, Friends, Co-Workers)
- Vocational (Career, Job, Business)
- Financial (Budget, Finances, Viewpoint)

**Note:** Ignoring these areas of our lives will not diminish the impact of each area...they all are interconnected.

### Our Financial Mindset...

#### 1) Man's View on Finances...

Scripture: John 10:10 , John 16:33 1John 2:15

#### 2) God's View on Finances...

- **Attitude...**

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-24

*NOTE: The story of the Rich Young Ruler is not a story about wealth, it's a story about worship!*

- **Responsibility, Accountability, Stewardship...**

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-27, Luke 11:42, Malachi 3:10

**Mindset, Motivation, and Methodology of What You Believe...**

1. Your *Mindset* has to do with *How You Think*, and *What You Believe*. When it comes to your “*Financial Mindset*”, we are talking about how you think and what you believe that leads to the choices you make, the priorities you’ve established, and your view on financial responsibility, accountability, and stewardship.

So with that in mind...How do you think about, or view, the financial responsibility, accountability, and stewardship of money? What do you believe is important and necessary regarding finances?

2. How does *What You Believe* effect you *Motivationally*? What drives you to do better when it comes to finances and financial responsibility...and why?

3. What are you going to do about it? What *Actions (Methodology)* do you currently take, or are you going to take, to apply this... What are you going to specifically do to improve in the area of *Financial Stewardship and Responsibility*? *Write them down...*

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION form the Word!**

**READ Matthew 19:16-24 and Matthew 25:14-27 together...**

In what way(s) does this help your understanding or clarify what actions you should take regarding your attitude or perspective toward finances?

**READ Matthew 25:14-27, Luke 11:42, and Malachi 3:10 together...**

What do these verses tell us regarding our Responsibility, Accountability, and Stewardship with money?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)