**Introduction to Steps to Financial Success**

**Steps to Financial Success** is a series ofseminars dealing with money. During this series, we will explore brief financial wellness nuggets designed to help us better manage our financial resources.

Psalm 31:6-8 in the Message Bible says, “…I’m leaping and singing in the circle of your love; you saw my pain; you disarmed my tormentors. You didn’t leave me in their clutches but gave me room to breathe.”

The Bible teaches principles that give us "room to breathe"—even in our finances. It helps us navigate our financial responsibilities without feeling overwhelmed.

You might be wondering, **"Why are we discussing money in church? Isn’t the Bible only about spiritual matters?"**

Let’s explore three key reasons why Bible students should also study about financial topics. It turns out that these short seminars are essential to your spiritual life:

Reason #1

**1. The Bible Talks a Lot About Money**

Did you know that the Bible contains approximately **500 verses** on faith and prayer—but over **2,000 verses** about money? Jesus spoke about money **15%** of the time in His teachings and included financial themes in **11 out of 39 parables**. Why? Because financial matters deeply impact our spiritual lives.

Reason #2

**2. The Love of Money Can Lead to Spiritual Ruin**

1 Timothy 6:10 warns, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

The Bible doesn’t teach that money itself is evil—but an unhealthy attachment to it can lead to spiritual downfall. Consider these biblical examples of how some of God’s children strayed from the faith because of greed:

* **Judas** – Betrayed Jesus for silver. And at the end, he didn’t enjoy his wealth.
* **Lot’s wife** – Longed for the wealth left behind and perished.
* **Achan** – Took forbidden riches and faced death.
* **Ananias & Sapphira** – Lied about money and suffered the consequences.

The issue isn’t money, but the “love” of money. When wealth takes the wrong place in our hearts it ruins us spiritually.

Reason #3

* 1. **Having Enough Is Important for a Fulfilling Life**

Proverbs 30:7-8provides a balanced perspective, "Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.”

This passage highlights the importance of balance. Why not strive for extreme wealth? Verse 9 explains:

Proverbs 30:9 says, “Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”

For a Bible-believing Christian, the focus isn’t on accumulating wealth but on finding contentment. Financial abundance is not wrong, but it comes with responsibility. If we have too much, we must remain humble; if we have too little, we must trust God’s provision.

Jesus reinforced this in Matthew 19:23-24, “Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again, I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.”

This verse is not condemning wealth but warning against the dangers of relying on riches rather than on God. The true goal is not just material gain but spiritual security.

Rather than praying, **“Lord, make me wealthy…”**

**Our Prayer Should Be:** "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

God desires for us to have enough to meet our daily needs—not excess that pulls us away from Him.

**Matthew 6:24**

You cannot serve two masters.

You cannot serve both **God** and **money.**

Join us next time as we continue our **Steps to Financial Success** seminars, where we’ll learn how to handle our finances with biblical wisdom!