

OVERCOMING

Hurts, Habits and Hang-Ups That Hold Us Back

Lesson Three • Philippians 4:19

Overcoming Financial Stress

God's Promise:

You don't have to WORRY about financial problems because God will meet all your needs!

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19 NIV*

The Conditions: God Promises to Meet My Financial Needs...

1. If I Ask God FOR HIS HELP!

"And I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." ~Jesus, Luke 11:9 NKJV

You do not have, because you do not ask God. James 4:2 NIV

"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." ~Jesus, John 16:24 ESV

2. If I Learn TO BE CONTENT!

*"For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."
Philippians 4:11-12 NIV*

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 1Timothy 6:6-8 ESV

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5 ESV

3. If I Practice GIVING IN FAITH!

*Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.
Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV*

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test Me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10 NIV

4. If I Maintain MY INTEGRITY!

*The LORD demands accurate scales and balances; He sets the standards for fairness.
Proverbs 16:11 NLT*

Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and a fool. Proverbs 19:1 NLT

5. If I Trust God WITH MY LIFE!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." ~Jesus, Matthew 6:33 ESV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1Timothy 6:17 NIV

My Commitment to Overcome Financial Stress:

- I'm going to start or continue ASKING God to help me with my finances, and acknowledge that His ways are best.
- I'm going to start or continue LEARNING to be more content with what God has entrusted to me.
- I'm going to start or continue GIVING the "firstfruits" (tithe = 10%) of my income to God as an example of trusting Him in faith.
- I'm going to start or continue BEING HONEST in my finances with myself, others and God.
- I'm going to start or continue TRUSTING the Lord completely with my life.