



More on Wednesday Financial Fitness Series
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Genesis 1:1-28

1. God created everything Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.

- A. God is Sovereign Ruler.
- B. He created and then creates new and fresh life repeatedly.

2. God can meet all of our needs Genesis 1:3-24

- A. Lack and scarcity are no match for God's sovereignty.
- B. We can release the fear of lack and scarcity and trust God as creator and sustainer.

3. God created us in His image

- A. We can rule over our resources and not have them rule us. (Genesis 1:26)
- B. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit can guide us if we yield to Him.

4. God has given us all we need to be Biblical stewards

- A. He can help us control our impulses.
- B. Because of what He has given we are required to give our first fruits.
 - 1. Prov. 3:9-10 exhorts us to "Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."
 - 2. Leviticus 27:30 states, "'A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord'".

5. Financial Fitness means we manage the treasure God give us.

- A. We should protect and expand what God has created and gives us to advance His Kingdom - Deuteronomy 28:12

- B. We should seek out Biblical mandate how God wants us to manage what He gives us
 - 1. Lays out the expectation for being a faithful Biblical steward
- C. We should manage our finances in a way that honors God and priorities His desires.
- D. 1 Peter 3:7 when we steward well, we learn what God is like, what He likes and we strengthen our relationship with and knowledge of him.

6. Being a financial steward offers us freedom.

- 1. Support ministry – (the church blesses Phoebe’s ministry) Romans 16:1-2
- 2. Help the those in need (i.e. the church blesses Paul) – Phillipians 4:15-18
- 3. Leaving an inheritance and legacy Proverbs 13:22

Final thought: Giving to other social and other religious organizations is good but as a member of a local church your tithes and offerings should first support the impact and reach your church and its ministries.

Notes

on Wednesdays



Wednesday July 24th Sessions

Investments, Savings & Planning-Chris & Michelle Durham-RJM101
Retirement Accounts & Planning-Myesha & Lawrence Willis-RJM102
Trust and Wills-Henry Robertson-RJM 103
Life Insurance-Rod Dixon-RJM 104
Financial Fitness for Youth-Y-Worship

Upcoming Topics -Wednesday July 31st

Managing Tax Liabilities through Planning
Credit Repair
Preparing for Home Buying v. Renting
Using Home Equity to Build Wealth
Managing Your Retirement Accounts
Entrepreneurship: What You Should Know

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July 17th – Estate & Retirement Planning Chris and Michelle Durham

July 24th - Trusts & Wills - Henry Robertson

July 31st - Credit Repair - Jacquie Jackson

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