



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Series: A "How To" Guide

Message: Learn the Basics

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Learn

Take a couple of minutes and read the following OUT LOUD in your group!

1. Thou shalt work hard.

Proverbs 28:19 (NLT) says, "A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies ends up in poverty."

2. Thou shalt not compete with the Jones'.

Ecclesiastes 6:9b says, "Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have."

3. Thou shalt distinguish between wants and needs.

Luke 12:15 says, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

4. Thou shalt not impulse spend.

Isaiah 55:2 says, "Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food."

5. Thou shalt honor God first.

Proverbs 3:9-10 says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine."

Deuteronomy 14:23 says, "Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored...Doing this will teach you always to fear the Lord your God."

6. Thou shalt spend less than you earn.

Proverbs 13:11 says, "Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time."

7. Thou shalt be cautious about debt.

Proverbs 22:7b says, "The borrower is servant to the lender."



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8. Thou shalt not make a major financial decision without wise counsel.

Proverbs 20:18 says, "Plans succeed through good counsel."

9. Thou shalt not ruin your kids with money.

Proverbs 13:11 says, "Money that comes easily, disappears quickly."

10. Thou shalt trust God.

Matthew 22:37-39 says "Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Live

Pastor John said, "Let me give you a principle right out of God's word that applies to every area of your life. In whatever area you are willing to put God first, God will bless you."

- Describe an area of your life in which you HAVE put God first. What has been your experience?
- We all have "next steps," areas of our life that Jesus invites us to put in His hands. Often it comes down to a simple decision: will I trust that God will handle it better than I can? What area of your life (perhaps your life, children, job, finances, or future) is the "next step" of trusting God with your life?

Love

What does God's blessing look like? (Hint: "more" sometimes leads to "more" problems!)

Once God's REAL blessings are in your life, how are you freed to give back to God and others?

Lead

Who is looking to you for guidance? How can you live by example?

Pray!

Have you begun to sense that God has your best in mind, even when He asks you to make some hard short-term decisions? Are you aware that the character you build while trusting Him is perhaps the greatest blessing of all?

Take time to:

- 1) Thank God for all He has done!
- 2) Simply ask Him for what you need!