



OPEN UP

Pray

This week is about finances. Everyone's finances are different and men rarely desire to talk about how they are having financial issues, especially in front of a group of other men. Pray that God will prepare your group and that they will be more open than they usually would be willing to. Pray that God will use this session to reach the men who need financial help.

Prepare

Your group will have guys who are financially secure and others who are having financial struggles. Be sure to be sensitive to both groups while you open up, but also don't shy away from pushing men to grow and be more open about their financial situations.

With that in mind here are some ideas for opening the session:

- Share openly about a time in your life when you were in the midst of a significant financial struggle, and what happened to bring resolution.
- Talk about why it's difficult to discuss financial details with other people.
- Talk about a time in your life when you finally got something that you looked forward to for a long time, maybe something like a car or a house, or even something simple.
 - How did you feel when you got it? How did you feel six months after you got it? Did it bring you the ultimate security you were looking for or did you end up just looking to buy something else?

Provide

This is our final session of A Man's Gameplan. Consider having some kind of food or drink that will set a really positive tone. This will help your group to end on a positive note.

Also, we strongly recommend that you encourage the men in your group to continue their spiritual growth by signing up for one-on-one mentorship with Men of Iron, or by considering another group that we offer.

- 1:55 Proverbs 6: 6-9
Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?
- 2:52 **Our work ethic is more valuable than our skill set. So get to work.**
- 3:50 **Accept responsibility and be willing to work hard.**
- 3:56 **Evaluate your outlook on money.**
- 4:25 **The root of many issues in life is not money, it's the love of money.**
- 4:40 Ecclesiastes 5: 18-20
This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.
- 6:25 **Everything we have comes from God.**
- 7:57 **We must be good stewards of his blessings.**

8:08

1. Define Finances

- **Work/ Career Goals**
- **Stewardship/ Budgeting**
- **Generosity/ Tithing**
- **Spending**
- **Investing**
- **Security**

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2. Establish a budget

9:07

3. Establish a savings and generosity plan

9:42

4. Consider 3 Budgets

- **Emergency Fund 3-6 Months Salary**
- **Target Purchases**
- **Budget for the Future**

10:58

Close to 15% of Jesus' words were around finances.

How a man views his finances shows the condition of his heart.

Be S.M.A.R.T.

Specific. Measurable. Attainable. Relevant. Time Bound.

My Action Steps:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WRAP UP

Group Discussion

When the video ends, spend about 25-35 minutes in group discussion either as a large group or in table groups.

Here are some discussion prompts related to the video:

- What are your initial reactions to the video, and what Garrett had to say?
- If you had to rank your financial state from 1-10, where would you land?
 - Why?
- Why does money take over our lives so easily?
- Why do we often believe that something temporary that money can buy will bring us eternal satisfaction?
- How can we help each other to improve in this area?

Close Out

Take a few minutes and share what stuck out to you, as well as what goals you will personally be pursuing this week.

Thank the men in your group for committing their time to A Man's Game Plan. Encourage the men to keep track of their action step, and to continue making progress in each area of their lives.

The best way to accomplish the most growth in the shortest amount of time is our Strong 27 Mentorship. You can find out more about Strong 27 following this code.

