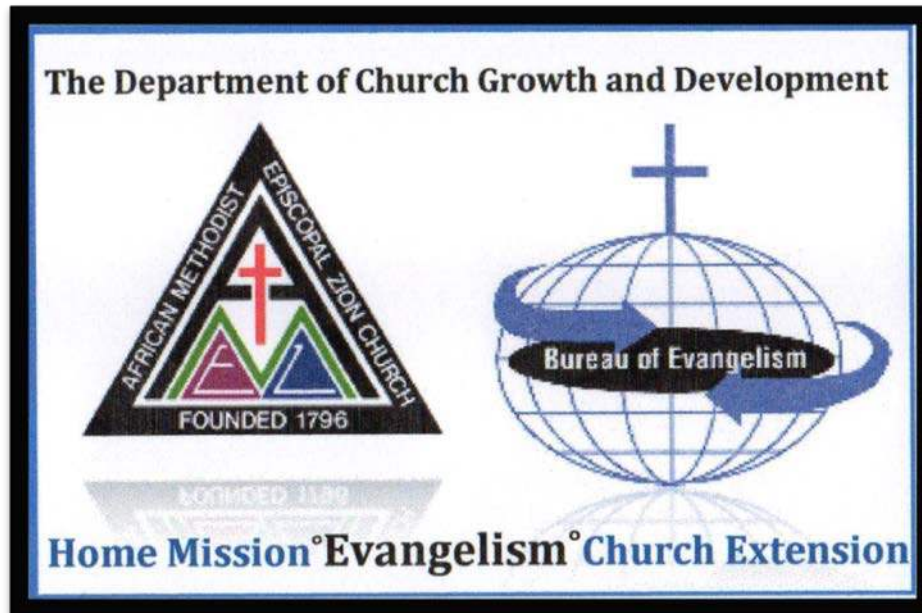


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**“Fortifying our Faith While Focusing on Our Future through:
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“Money Really Matters”

A Journey into Biblical Stewardship

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Money Really Matter
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Welcome To The Introduction to Money Really Matter Workshop

1. Course objectives are to cause each believer to be:
 - Eligible for the true riches of God
 - Be an effective Servant of God
 - To experience true freedom to fulfill God's purpose in their lives

2. Understanding Biblical Concepts of Finances
(1) Definitions (2) Prosperity (3) Success (4) Financial Freedom

3. Keys To Change Behavior
(1) Think it's worth it (2) Willing to learn what you need to know
(3) Have specific goals (4) Take Action

4. Key Reasons for Financial Failure
(1) Procrastination (2) Failure to define goals (3) Ignorance about money
(4) Inadequate protection against loss and (5) Lack of determination

5. Keys to happiness and success financially: Goals and plans.
Food for Thought Ps 37:4, 5; Hab 2:2, 3

6. The Story of Joseph: The Dream and The Interpretation;
The Solution and Procrastination - Genesis 47:13-20
(Genesis 41:25-32; Genesis 41:33-37; Genesis 41:53-57)

7. During The Famine Pharaoh Increased
 - He collected all their money - He collected all their Cattle
 - He collected all their herds - He brought all their land
 - He brought all the people as slaves (they sold themselves for bread)The Final Results - They agreed to work the land for Pharaoh on a 80/20 basis.

8. Three Objectives of the Course
 - Make You Eligible For True Riches
 - Make You An Effective Servant of God
 - Give You Freedom: (1) from debt; (2) the love of money; (3) financial pressures; (4) bad business entanglements; and (5) the desire to get rich quick!
 1. Make You Eligible For True Riches - Lu 16:11-13
 2. Make You An Effective Servant of God- Pr 22:7
 3. Give You Freedom-Ro 13:7,8
 4. Freedom From Debt-Jas 4:14
 - The Love of Money - 1Ti 6:10, 11
 - Freedom From Financial Pressures Mt 6:25-34
 - Bad Business Entanglements - 2Ch 25:8-9 "...But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this."

- The Desire To Get Rich Quick - Proverbs 28:22; Proverbs 23:4, 5

9. Four Steps To Realizing Financial Freedom

- Deliverance
- A Proper Attitude Towards God
- A Proper Attitude Towards Self
- A Change in Behavior

A. Deliverance -Lu 4:18,19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

B. A Proper Attitude Towards God- 3Jo 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

C. A Proper Attitude Towards Self - Mt 22:37-39 And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first Commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

D. A Change In Behavior, you must: (1) Think it worth it (2) be willing to learn what you need to know (3) Have specific goals and (4) take Action!

10. A Change In Behavior - Ro 12:2 And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind,

11. The Stewardship Principles – (1) God owns everything (2) God has deferred Management of His possessions into your hands

- God Owns Everything - Psalms 24:1; Hag 2:8 ; Ps 50:12
- God Owns, and We Manage -1Co 4:7 ; Pr 27:23, 24
- Stewards must manage well - (1)Impulse buying (2)Neglect of trust property (3) Carelessness in details (4) Greediness

12. The Grace of Giving – 2 Co. 8:7; Proverbs 3:4-6

- God takes tithing seriously
- Avoid the curse and claim the abundance

13. The origin of Tithing

- (1) Tithing predates the Mosaic Law (2) Tithing was including in the Mosaic Law
- (3) Tithing according to Malachi (4) New Testament Tithing

God Takes Tithing Seriously – Le 27:30-33

Avoid the Curse and Claim the Abundance- Mal 3:8-12

The origin of Tithing in Ge. 4:3-5; Tithing Predates The Mosaic Law – Ge. 28:20-22

Tithing was included in the Law - Le 27:30-32; Tithing in Malachi - Mal 3:8-12

New Testament Tithing - Mt 5:17, 18

14. Four Rewards of Tithing: (1) Window of Heaven Blessing (2) Rebuke the devourer for your sake (3) Guaranteed Fruitfulness (4) The Favor of God and Man.

New Testament Tithing - Mt 5:17, 18

15. The Purpose of Tithes and Offering:

- To learn to fear the Lord
- To establish a weekly reminder of God ownership
- To support the ministry and outreach of the local church
- Because it is good for us

16. Seven Ways Tithes and Offering Should Be Offered to Obtain Maximum Results

- (1) First give yourself to God
- (2) Cheerfully
- (3) Not Grudgingly
- (4) With Contemplation
- (5) Without reluctance
- (6) Without pressure
- (7) In Faith, expecting a harvest!