



## Group Discussion Guide

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# Two Masters (Money)

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### Series Overview

You can't have two masters. You may choose to let money be your master or you may choose to accept God as your master. In this series, we explore how to manage money God's way.

### Purpose of This Guide

The primary purpose of this group guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of the Grace Church message series: **Two Masters**.

You may choose to use this guide:

- with your Grace Group.
- with any group of people interested in knowing what the Bible says about these topics.

# 1-What is Money?

## Icebreaker: Learning about Money

As a child, what were some of the first things you learned about money?

## Discussion Questions: Where's Your Focus?

- Consider how money can harm your relationship with God [[Pro 30:8-9](#)].
  - ▶ What issues can too much money cause [[Deu 8:11-14](#)]?
  - ▶ What issues can too little money cause [[Exo 20:7](#)]?
- Rather than money, what should be your primary focus [[Mat 6:33](#) and [Luke 12:15](#)]?
- What happens when you focus on the cares of the world [[Mark 4:19](#) and [Luke 8:14](#)]?
- What is it that money can't buy [[Rom 5:17-18](#) and [Acts 8:20](#)]?
- Money itself isn't the problem. What is the problem [[1Tim 6:10](#)]?

## Dig a Little Deeper: Better Than Money

Despite our culture's emphasis on the importance of money, there are better and more important things. Consider the following.

Redemption	<a href="#">Mat 16:26</a> and <a href="#">1Pet 1:18-19</a>
Wisdom	<a href="#">Pro 3:13-15</a>
Spiritual Power	<a href="#">Acts 8:19-20</a>

### Application Exercise: Pray to the Master

Read these passages aloud:

- [Matthew 6:24](#)
- [Luke 8:14](#)
- [Hebrews 13:5-6](#)
- [1Timothy 6:17](#)

Pray to Your Lord and Savior, admitting where you struggle with money. Ask for His guidance and provision.

## 2-How to Manage Your Money

### Icebreaker: What Money Can't Buy

As a group, make a list of things money can't buy.

### Discussion Questions: Who's in Charge?

- What problems does debt cause?

[Pro 22:7](#)

[Pro 19:6-7](#)

- Some of us are impulse buyers. What problems does this cause ([Pro 21:5](#) and [Pro 19:2](#))?
- When you think of money being temporary, how does that help you keep things in perspective ([Ecc 2:18](#) and [1Tim 6:7](#))?
- Rather than possessions, what is the real point of life ([Luke 12:15](#), [Ecc 12:13-14](#), [1Tim 6:6-11](#))?
- Where is your source of security ([Heb 13:5-6](#))?

## Dig a Little Deeper: Balanced Life

A balanced Christian life does all things in an orderly way [1Cor 14:40]. This includes a balance of getting and giving. If we get and give, we become a channel that God will use. We must find appropriate outlets for the intakes that He gives. If we only take in money and never put any into God's work, we become selfish and discontented.

### Application: Money Management Assessment

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true ←→completely true
I am out of debt or diligently working toward being debt-free.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I focus on needs rather than wants.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I refrain from impulse buying.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
Money is not in charge of my life; God is in charge.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

## 3-The Role of Generosity

### Icebreaker: If We Only...

Discuss how you've seen this quote demonstrated in the lives of people you know.

*If we only give, we become empty.  
If we only get, we become stagnant.*

### Discussion Questions: Real Return on Investment

- For what purpose does God give you resources ([2Cor 9:6-7](#))?
- Rather than material gain, what is the return on investment you get when giving ([2Cor 9:10-11](#), [1Cor 3:6-8](#), [Mat 5:16](#))?
- Compare your role in giving to God's role in giving ([2Cor 9:14-15](#)).
- What assurances does God give the generous person ([2Cor 8:15](#) and [Pro 11:24-25](#))?

## Dig a Little Deeper: Hilarious

A cheerful giver is one who gives out of love. The Greek word for cheerful is “hilaros” which is the root of the word hilarious.

Cheerfulness is the great feeling we get when we know we are giving with the right motivation ([2Cor 9:7](#)). When you are secure in the Lord and He prompts you, give.

## Application Exercise: Giving Assessment

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true $\longleftrightarrow$ completely true
I use what God gives me to do good works.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I am a willing giver.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
The promise of heavenly rewards reassures me.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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