

SMALL GROUP STUDY

CHARTING YOUR LEGACY

Facilitator Companion Guide



Welcome

We are so thankful that you are willing to facilitate the Charting Your Legacy small group study. The Lord has used this study in the lives of many.

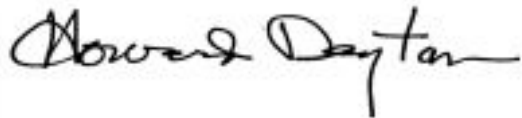
This Facilitator's Companion Guide is meant to give you a quick view into the process of facilitating the study, as well as the answers to questions in the study.

There are no references or answers given to questions of a personal nature in this companion guide.

Through years of practice and experience, we've learned that people benefit most when they are faithful to complete the steps outlined before each meeting.

Everyone should attend at least five of the six meetings. Ask the participants to please notify you or the other facilitator if they anticipate missing a meeting or arriving late. The meetings are designed to begin and end on time.

Again, we are very grateful your willingness to facilitate the Charting Your Legacy study. I pray that the Lord will bless you in every way as you serve those in your group.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Dayton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Howard" and last name "Dayton" clearly distinguishable.

Howard Dayton
Founder, Compass - finances God's way

Introduction Session

Before starting *Charting Your Legacy*, we recommend that you hold an introduction session with those participating in the study. In this session you'll explain the expectations of the study and each person will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. If you haven't already done so, the introduction session would also be an ideal time to hand out the workbooks to the participants.

Agenda for Introduction Session

1. **(5 minutes)** Open in prayer.
2. **(15 minutes)** Review the process that the study will follow.

Homework Questions. The questions will take only about 15 minutes a day to complete. Space is provided in the workbook to answer the questions. When married couples participate, each uses a separate manual.

Scripture Memory. You will memorize a Bible verse each lesson and recite it at the beginning of class. This will help you remember the most important principles – not just for a few weeks but for years to come.

Let's Get Practical! Complete a practical exercise as you develop and refine your plan to leave a legacy.

A Story. Each Lesson ends with a video of someone who has applied what you are learning. The stories are intended to encourage and challenge your thinking.

Prayer. Everyone prays daily for the other group members using the Prayer Logs at the back of the workbook. Answers to prayers are one of the most encouraging parts of the small group experience.

3. **(85 minutes)** Have each person introduce themselves, starting with the facilitator (define how much time).
4. **(10 minutes)** Review prayer document process (hardcopy, Google Sheet, prayer app, etc.) [and document the first week's prayer requests.](#)
5. **(5 minutes)** Conclude in prayer.

Chapter 1- Starting Well

Agenda

1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1– The Bible

1. What do these verses say to you about the Bible? How do you think the Scriptures might help you make wise decisions in your finances and life?

Inspired by God Himself, the Bible isn't just wise or "inspirational," it is alive. It equips each of us in unique ways to please the Lord in every area of our lives.

3. Based on this passage, how do you think God's principles differ from the way most people live life and handle money? Why do you think God's ways are better than our ways?

God's economy operates with an entirely different frame of reference. The biggest difference is that most people don't believe the Lord plays a role in their finances, but the Bible reveals He has the dominant role.

Day 2 – God's Part (Ownership)

1. What do these passages reveal about the ownership of your possessions?

God owns everything. We own nothing.

3. What are some specific things God owns?

Leviticus 25:23 - God owns all the land.

Haggai 2:8 - God owns all the gold and silver.

Psalm 50:10-12 - God owns all living things.

4. Why do you think the Lord declared His ownership over these particular things?

God identified these items because unlike today's paper currency and digital economy, they were the primary assets when the Bible was written.

Facilitator, you should have approximately one hour of class time remaining.

Day 4 – Our Part (Stewards and Managers)

1. How would you define a steward? According to this verse, what is your requirement as a steward?

A steward is the manager of someone else's property. We are required to faithfully manage the resources entrusted to us, doing it God's way.

2. Why did the master remove the steward from his position? How does that apply to you?

The steward lost his position because he became careless with his master's possessions. If we squander the possessions the Lord has entrusted to us, we may face serious losses as well.

3. Describe the principle found in this verse.

If a person is unfaithful in a small matter, he or she will be unfaithful with much. The reverse is also true. It is important to be faithful in small matters.

Chapter 2 - Perspective

Agenda

1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite Mark 8:36 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1 – God’s Perspective on Wealth

2. How does God’s view differ from the way most people evaluate riches, and how does this influence your thinking?

God views a truly rich person as one who knows, loves, and obeys Christ.

3. What do these passages say to you and how will you implement them?

Riches are uncertain, and we shouldn’t place our trust in them. We shouldn’t weary ourselves to become rich.

4. What does this passage say to you about wanting to get rich and how to avoid this danger?

An unchecked desire for riches leads to spiritual catastrophe. We should flee from this desire and pursue godly living.

Day 2 – Danger of Pride

1. What do each of these passages say about the danger of pride for the wealthy?

Ezekiel 28:4-5 - The king of Tyre is an example of a wealthy person becoming proud.

1 Timothy 6:17 - The rich are strongly advised not to be proud.

James 1:10-11 - The rich are instructed to be humble because life is short.

2. How does the Lord view those who are proud?

The Lord tells the wealthy not to boast in riches. He is against the proud.

Day 3 – Danger of Rejecting the Lord & Becoming Unfruitful

1. How can wealth adversely impact one's relationship with the Lord?

The wealthy often feel as if they don't need the Lord. They may reject and disobey Him.

3. In what ways do you think wealth is deceitful?

Riches appear to accomplish what only the Lord can do, such as providing for our needs.

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Day 4 – Danger of Not Following Christ

1. How did these disciples respond to Jesus' invitation and what do you think motivated them?

They immediately left their jobs to follow Jesus desiring to obey to the Lord.

2. Why do you think Jesus asked the young rich man to give away everything to the poor before following Him? [Note: this is the only time in the Bible that Jesus stipulated giving away everything before inviting a person to follow Him.]

Jesus discerned that the rich man needed to give all of his possessions to the poor in order to become a fully devoted follower.

Day 5 – Contentment and View the Story

1. What do these passages communicate to you about contentment?

Philippians 4:11-13 - Contentment doesn't occur naturally; it is learned. We can learn to be content in any circumstance.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 - Godliness with contentment is a means of great, even incalculable gain. We cannot take anything with us when we die, and we should be content with our basic needs met.

Hebrews 13:5-6 - Don't love money. Rather, we can be content with what we have because the Lord will never forsake us.

Chapter 3 - Crisis & Eternity

Agenda

1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite 2 Corinthians 4:18 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1 – Crisis

1. Why do you think it is important to realize that God loves you and is in control of the situation when you face a significant difficulty or a crisis?

When we recognize that the Lord controls the circumstances and loves us deeply, we can experience peace in the midst of a crisis.

2. According to this passage, what does the Lord want to accomplish in our lives when we experience difficulties?

God wants to conform us and shape us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

4. According to these verses, what should our attitude be in the midst of a crisis?

We should be joyful and give thanks to the Lord even in challenging times, knowing that He will use these circumstances to draw us closer to Christ.

Day 2 – Crisis (Preparation)

1. What should you do to prepare your life, business, and finances for future challenges?

Learn and apply God's way of living, operating a business, and handling money.

Day 3 – Eternity (Life is Short)

1. What do these passages say to you about the brevity of life?

Life is so short that it is described as fleeting and a mere breath.

2. Why do you think that Moses suggested numbering our days?

It helps us realize the brevity of our lives. As a result, we are better able to make wise decisions on how to use our time and money.

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Day 4 – Eternity (Judgement)

1. What do these verses regarding judgment say to you?

There will be a judgment, and each of us will give an account to the Lord of our thoughts and actions.

Chapter 4 - Generosity

Agenda

1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite 1 Timothy 6:17-19 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1 – Attitude in Giving

2. What do these passages communicate about the importance of the proper attitude in giving?

Matthew 23:23 - The Pharisees gave the correct amount – a tithe (ten percent) of even their mint leaves. But because they gave with the wrong attitude, God rebuked them.

1 Corinthians 13:3 - Giving without a heart of love is of no value whatsoever to the giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Don't give grudgingly or under compulsion but, rather, cheerfully.

Day 2 – Advantages of Giving

1. What does this passage say about the benefits that flow to the wealthy who are generous?

They store up eternal rewards and live the abundant life on earth God intends.

2. How does this principle from God's economy differ from the way most people view generosity?

Most people believe it is better to receive than to give.

3. In each of the following passages, list the benefits for the giver:

Proverbs 11:24-25 - In the Lord's own way and in His own time, a giver will experience material increase.

Matthew 6:20 - We can lay up treasures in heaven which we will bring us indescribable joy and satisfaction throughout all eternity.

Luke 12:34 - The heart of the giver is drawn to Christ as treasures are given to Him.

Day 3 – Amount to Give

1. Why was giving the tithe (ten percent) required in the Old Testament, and what did the Lord promise when it was given?

The tithe was required under the law, and it was considered robbery not to give it.

2. What does it mean to you to give as one has prospered, and how has this influenced your giving?

Paul counseled the Corinthians to give each week and in proportion to their income.

3. What does this passage communicate to you?

The Lord is aware of our giving and especially appreciates it when it is sacrificial.

4. How did these prosperous people support the work of God?

Matthew 27:57-60 - Joseph of Arimathea placed the body of Jesus in his own tomb.

Luke 8:3 - Joanna, Susanna, and other women helped fund the needs of Jesus and the disciples.

Acts 16:14-15 - Lydia provided room and board to Paul and his friends.

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Day 4 – Places to Give

1. What do these verses tell you about financially supporting your church and those who teach the Scriptures?

Numbers 18:8, 24 - The Old Testament believer was required to fund the place of worship and the Levites who served the Lord.

Galatians 6:6 - Those who are taught the Scriptures should financially support their teachers.

1 Timothy 5:17 - We are to adequately support those who serve as pastors and teachers.

Day 5 – Giving to the Poor & View the Story

1. What does this passage say to you about being generous to the poor?

When we give to the poor, the Lord will protect us, answer our prayers, and bless us with His joy.

2. How does Jesus Christ identify with the poor?

Jesus identifies personally with the poor. When we give to the poor, we are giving to Christ. If we don't give to the poor, we are leaving Christ hungry and naked.

3. What does this Scripture communicate to you about the importance of giving to the poor?

The apostles had a deep concern for the poor. After confirming Paul's ministry to the Gentiles, the only thing they asked of him was not to forget the poor.

4. What does this passage say to you about how Job proactively searched for the needy? Are you currently giving to the poor? If not, what is hindering you?

Job took the initiative to look for those in need.

Chapter 5 - Family & Wealth Transfer

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1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite Proverbs 22:6 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1 – Children

1. According to these passages, who is responsible for teaching children how to handle money from a biblical perspective?

It is the responsibility of the parents.

Day 2 – Family

1. Why did Abraham and his nephew Lot separate from each other?

Their wealth and large number of livestock separated them.

Day 3 – Inheritance

1. In light of your eventual death, what does this say you should do?

Each of us should get our estate planning done.

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Day 4 – Dangers of Inheritance

1. According to these passages, what cautions should be exercised in leaving an inheritance?

Proverbs 20:21 - An inheritance should not be given into a child's care until the child is wise enough to manage the inheritance faithfully.

Galatians 4:1-2 - The appointment of a guardian through a will or trust helps ensure a child's maturity before receiving an inheritance.

Chapter 6 - Finishing Well

Agenda

1. (5 minutes) Open in prayer.
2. (5 minutes) Recite Matthew 25:21 from memory.
3. (85 minutes) Conduct the homework discussion.
4. (10 minutes) Note in the Prayer Logs requests and answers to prayer.
5. (5 minutes) End in prayer.

Day 1 – Finishing Well

1. What are some of the benefits you will experience in heaven if you finish well?

We will hear the Lord tell us, “Well done!” and we will be invited to experience His joy and sit with Jesus on His throne.

2. How did Paul define “finishing well,” and what was he willing to do to achieve it? How do you define it, and what are you willing to do to achieve it?

Finishing well to Paul meant completing the specific task that Jesus had given him.

3. What does this verse say to you?

Each of us has a God-given purpose to fulfill.

Day 2 – Retirement and Debt

1. Does this passage reflect what many people want from retirement? In what way?

Yes, many people want to retire, “kick back,” and live a life of leisure.

2. Can you name a single godly person in the Bible who retired?

There were none other than the Levites working on the tabernacle in Numbers 8:24-26.

4. Is debt encouraged in the Bible? Why or why not?

We are encouraged to stay out of debt because the borrower is servant to the lender.

5. According to these passages, how was debt viewed in the Old Testament? What was the cause of someone getting into debt (becoming a borrower), and what led to getting out of debt (becoming a lender)?

Debt was considered a curse. Being free from debt (becoming a lender) was a blessing.

Day 3 – Marriage and Honesty

1. What is the key role for the husband and the key role for the wife in marriage?

The husband is to sacrificially love and serve his wife. The wife is to respect her husband.

4. What do these verses communicate to you about God's requirement for honesty?

Leviticus 19:11 - We are not to steal, deal falsely or lie.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16 - The Lord commands us to be honest.

Ephesians 4:25 - We are to be truthful.

5. What do these verses say to you about the consequences of honesty or dishonesty on your family?

The children of an honest person are blessed, but the family of the dishonest are troubled.

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Day 4 – Calling and Counsel

1. What do these passages teach about our skills and where they come from?

Our skills, abilities, and talents come directly from the hand of God.

3. What does this verse say to you about the Lord equipping you for specific tasks (your calling)?

The Lord created and equipped each of us for particular things to accomplish.

5. What are some of the benefits of seeking counsel?

Wise people listen to counsel, and plans succeed when we do.

Day 5 – Bible Reading, Spiritual Practices, & View the Video

1. What does the Bible say to you about the importance of God's word?

Reading every word of the Bible is so important that it is compared with the necessity of eating.

2. Why do you think studying and meditating on God's Word will help you finish well?

When we meditate on God's Word and follow it, we position ourselves to receive God's direction and His blessings.

4. What does this passage say we should do to grow in godliness?

We should train ourselves to live godly lives.