



Chapter 1:

# God, Money & Me

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## Section One: Learn



### VIDEO NOTES

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ puts it this way: “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”
2. Now, the way a lot of people handle money is completely different from God’s way. In \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord tells us, “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, and my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_ tells us “Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
4. First things first: God owns it all! \_\_\_\_\_ tells us, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.” He doesn’t own just some things: He owns everything.
5. And \_\_\_\_\_ tells us what our top priority for this manager position is: “Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”
6. \_\_\_\_\_ tells us, “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.” If we develop into being faithful with these small things, the Lord knows He can trust us with greater things.



DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn from the video that was helpful or new to you?

2. Read Matthew 6:24. “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

What would trying to serve two masters look like in our world today?

3. Read Psalm 24:1. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him” (NLT).

What does this verse mean to you?

4. What do you hope to learn from the Making Ends Meet Video Study?



## Section Two: Apply



QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT). “Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”

1. What do you think it means to be faithful? How would you define a manager?

2. Read Luke 16:10 (NLT). “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.”

What is one little thing you can start being faithful with today?

3. On a scale of one to ten, with ten being the most faithful, how would you rate yourself in handling money God’s way? Why that rating?



TAKE THE STEPS

**1** Handing it Over

To help us fully understand our role as a manager, we will be handing over all “our” possessions to the Lord. As you complete this exercise, think of all your possessions. Then go one step further. Think of things you highly value – even if they are not worth much from a dollar standpoint. They may have a lot of emotional value, and that is important.

**2** Please pray about the things in your possession that you now realize God owns. Write them in the spaces below as you commit them to Him.

Lord, I want to hand over the following possessions to you:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**3** What insights or thoughts do you have after “handing it over”?



TAKE THE STEPS

**1** The Maintenance Checklist

You’ve been entrusted with a lot of stuff. Keeping it in good condition can save you a lot of money. Maintaining things before they go bad is a good habit to develop. Without it, even small repairs and replacements can eat away at your spending plan. Large ones can cost you thousands of dollars.

A checklist is a great help for thinking through how to care for what that God has entrusted to you. Not only will it save you money, it will help you learn to take pleasure in doing small but important things before they turn into major breakdowns.

**Household**

- Clean dryer vents
- Seal cracks on windows/doors
- Change any filters
- Repair leaks or drips
- Clean refrigerator coils

**Health**

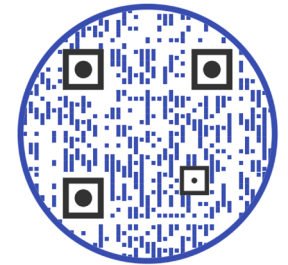
- Improving your diet
- Regular exercise
- Getting enough sleep
- Work and life balance

**Automobile**

Maintaining your car can increase the life of your vehicle by as much as 50%. If taken care of, you may be able to drive your vehicle well past 200,000 miles before needing to replace it.

- Fluid levels: coolant, steering, transmission
- Oil changes
- Tire air pressure
- Tire rotations
- Air filters

**COUNT THE COST**  
Maintaining a Vehicle



**2** My Maintenance Checklist:

What it is:

When I will maintain it (weekly, monthly, etc.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

