

Passing the Prosperity Test

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Genesis 41:25–36; 1 Timothy 6:6–10; Proverbs 28:20; Mark 4:18–19

Discuss

1. How would you define prosperity?
2. What is the prosperity test, and how do we pass it?
3. How do we either bless or curse our finances through our actions?
4. Read Matthew 23:23 and Malachi 3:11. How does God move in our hearts and lives as we trust Him with our finances?
5. What are some ways we can show we're putting God first in our lives?
6. Read Mark 4:18–19. How can riches be deceitful?
7. How is budgeting helpful, and how does it build character in our lives?
8. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Put God first.
- Learn to wait.
- Live below your means.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we want to commit our finances to You. Help us pass the prosperity test. Give us wisdom about how to set a budget and the grace to follow through. We want You to be glorified in every area of our lives, including our finances. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

Personal invitation is the top way people choose to attend a group. Be proactive to invite someone to your small group every time you go to church or meet a new neighbor.

Group Dynamics Idea

Every year Gateway collects shoeboxes full of necessities for Operation Christmas Child, and your group can get involved! Consider planning a box-packing party and make it a great time of food and fun. By packing shoeboxes, your group will bless kids with much-needed items *and* show them the love of Christ. One out of every six boxes results in a salvation and one out of ten results in the salvation of an entire family. Don't miss out on this encouraging and evangelistic opportunity! To learn more, [visit Gateway's Ways to Give This Christmas page](#).