

# THE **BIG** IDEA

## *Manage what God gives you—His way.*

### **Monday:** *2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

So be real—do you have financial balance? If so, you likely manage your debt, budget, savings and giving in a God-honoring way. But if even one of those areas is out of whack, your entire financial life gets thrown off track. Commit this week to find balance in ALL areas of your finances. If you want to take some next steps, Pastor Karin can provide resources and offers financial counseling.

### **Tuesday:** *Haggai 2:8*

It's not ours. That seems so simple, but it's a hard precept to really live out. Focus this week on giving all you have—money and stuff—back to God. Remind yourself that your job is to do what He wants you to do with what He's given you. What is He asking?

### **Wednesday:** *Romans 13:7*

Debt consumes. It eats our money, our peace, our future, and even nibbles on our relationships. We allow damage when we spend what we do not have. Take REAL STEPS to start chipping away at any debt you have acquired. Make a plan, with God's leading, to get out of debt.

### **Thursday:** *Luke 14:28; Proverbs 21:20*

If you don't have a budget in place, this is the perfect time to put one together. Get out some paper and a calculator and figure out how much money comes into your house, how much goes out through bills, and how much is left. Divide that into reasonable amounts for the different things you buy. Don't forget to include savings in there—be prepared for tomorrow! Now act out your budget!

### **Friday:** *Malachi 3:10*

God's purpose for our money is to help others. Whether through the work of the church with your offerings, through a compassionate ministry with your donations, or through direct giving to someone in need, God wants you to help others. What's the next step for you when it comes to giving? Do you need to stop "burying" what you've been given? Is He asking you to give more than you already do, or in a different way? Test Me, God says. See if I don't meet all your needs. Take a step in faith and give!