



## Part 2: The Key to Financial Stability

It seems that the human race has always had a fascination with wealth. We are mesmerized with the “lifestyles of the rich and famous” as we wonder what it would be like to walk in their shoes. But when the writers of Scripture mention wealth, it often comes with a warning. The economy of ancient times and in our own day fluctuates for various reasons. Is there a way to find a sense of financial stability? The answer may surprise you.

**Bottom Line:** Financial stability comes through generosity.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the most generous person you have known? In what ways were they generous?
2. How have you seen wealth have a negative or destructive impact?
3. **Read Matthew 13:22; 1 Timothy 6:7-11, 17; Proverbs 11:28; Deuteronomy 8:10-14; Luke 12:19-20.** Why do you think that a caution or warning is often attached to the subject of wealth in the Scriptures? Why do you think generosity, not wealth, is elevated throughout the Bible?
4. In 1 Corinthians chapters 8 & 9, Paul refrains from using the word money. Instead he speaks of sharing (8:4; 9:13), service (8:4, 18; 9:1, 12-13), offering (8:19), grace (8:6-7) and gift (8:12, 20; 9:5). What insights do these words give us into the nature of generosity?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-12.**
  - a. Sometimes circumstances cause us fear and so we shrink back from generosity. What do you learn from this passage about God and generosity that should minimize fear?
  - b. In addition to meeting needs and advancing God’s Kingdom, what benefits does our giving produce in others?
6. How have you grown in your faith and in your generosity over the past 10 years?
7. What need could your small group work together to meet via generosity?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn’t allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.