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LENTEN FINANCIAL FAST

Transforming What We Think About Money

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Greetings from **OUR PASTOR**



DO NOT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTHS AND VERMIN DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL. BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTHS AND VERMIN DO NOT DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

MATTHEW 6:19-21 (NIV)

Greetings Cedar Street!

It is with great excitement that I present to you "Refinance: Lenten Financial Fasting Guide"!

Lent is the season of fasting and prayer before the Sunday on which we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection upon Jesus Christ- to consider His suffering, His sacrifice, and His life, death, burial and resurrection.

This year, I am asking that all of you, me included, participate in our "Lenten Financial Fast" so that the ways in which we view money will be forever transformed. This is a churchwide fast which provides accountability and support. I am asking that each of you save \$5.00 per day (or whatever amount God lays on your heart) so that you can give a sacrificial offering on Resurrection Sunday. Please review the enclosed information in detail as there are great tips, exercises and Scriptures to assist you as we strive for financial freedom.

Cedar Street, we can do this! His Word says in Matthew 17:20 (NIV) "... Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there'; and it will. Nothing will be impossible for you." Remember greater intimacy with God is the reward of sacrifice. I am praying for you all.

Because of **Him**, I am!
Pastor Chandler



financial fasting

OVERVIEW

As Christians, we, at times, have a tendency to avoid conversations about money, stewardship, financial planning, and economic independence. The avoidance is sometimes driven by a fear of money. As long as we are afraid of money and conversations related to finance, we will remain in an unhealthy financial cycle, both personally and corporately. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must learn to consistently make Godly financial decisions. If we desire to be prosperous, to live lives of radical generosity, and to invest as God has called us to do, we must develop healthy financial habits and lifestyles. How we handle our personal finances communicates our true priorities. If the Bible takes money seriously, we should also.

Through financial fasting, we are exercising discipline in our spending, abstaining from unnecessary and impulsive purchases, and changing our mindset about the way we steward our personal finances. All of us, regardless of income or socioeconomic status, can improve as stewards of the resources entrusted to us. This time of fasting pushes us to follow Jesus' example of sacrifice and restraint – sacrificing our materialistic desires and restraining our actions to create time and resources to grow closer to God.

Get a journal and write down all the instructions for your financial fast and organize a plan and schedule before you begin. This is important because once the fast begins, you might try to convince yourself not to quit. The schedule can then act as a contract you made with the fast that you must keep. **Remind yourself why you are doing the fast and remember that it is important.**



developing financial discipline

PRAY daily for God to give you direction in managing your finances.

READ books, blogs, & websites on financial empowerment.

SET FINANCIAL GOALS and work toward paying down your highest bill first.

MAKE A COMMITMENT to open up a savings account or to consistently deposit money into your existing savings account each pay period.

SAVE \$5.00 a day, during the fast, and prepare your heart to give a \$200 sacrificial offering, above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings, during Easter Sunday Worship.

PREPARE a weekly budget for your household and only spend what you have budgeted.

TRACK YOUR SPENDING by writing down all of your expenses (include everything i.e. gas, coffee, lunch, etc.). you will be surprised at how much you spend in a week on certain items.

COOK meals at home, as much as possible, to limit dining out.

AVOID using credit cards.

DO NOT go to the mall. It only entices you to spend unnecessarily.

NO unnecessary online shopping during the fast.

INVEST in your family's financial future. Research ways to help your children understand fiscal responsibility and put them on a financial plan also.

EXPECT your "net worth" to grow, your faith to be stretched, and your financial seeds will reap a harvest!

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

READ: Proverbs 10:22

PRAYER: Today, send a blessing experts will think is unlikely, friends would call unusual, and my foes would call unnecessary.



THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

READ: Romans 10:17

PRAYER: Today, perform such an unreasonable miracle that people will think it's unnecessary but can't undo or undercut what is done.



FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

READ: Isaiah 41:10

PRAYER: Today, make a way for fathers and mothers, strengthen the sick, relieve the frustrated, bless the barren, and cover the children.



SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

READ: Psalm 92:12-13

PRAYER: Today, give us common ground, a firm foundation, breathing space, and plant our finances in the right place.



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

READ: Joal 2:25-27

PRAYER: Today, don't let my enemies discount my experiences. Lord, please provide a refund on my wasted time and restore broken areas.



MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

READ: Proverbs 3:9-10

PRAYER: Today, let me honor you with my first fruits, make a deposit into my spirit, and give me a fresh start.



TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

READ: Proverbs 22:7

PRAYER: Today, redistribute wealth, revise plans, reassign opponents, rejuvenate laborers, and restore our country.

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

READ: Ephesians 3:20

PRAYER: Today, make outcomes better than I expected, my destiny bigger than I imagined, and debt smaller than I thought.



THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

READ: II Corinthians 4:7

PRAYER: Today, fight my battles, negotiate all deals, protect ideals, meet all bills, and make all bodies healed.



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

READ: Psalm 77:14

PRAYER: Today, all I have are two fish and five loaves. Break me, but not my faith. Multiply needs, not lack. Perform a miracle!



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

READ: Psalm 90:17

PRAYER: Today, save me from a lot, give me early access, lower my price but not my value, shorten the line, and extend credit.



SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

READ: II Corinthians 4:16-18

PRAYER: Today, drown my debts, float my ideas, and don't let me go under. Let me swim through struggle, and dive into destiny.



MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

READ: Deuteronomy 11:14

PRAYER: Today, impact the conditions surrounding my life. Clear the sky so there is no thunder and send the necessary heat to increase my harvest.



TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

READ: Luke 6:28

PRAYER: Today, let every deception be uncovered, undo every curse, settle unpaid bills, and close unfinished business.

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

READ: Ephesians 6:12

PRAYER: Today, pull apart. pressures, apply peace, pay off my payments, push my possibilities, and pull-down principalities.



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

READ: II Corinthians 5:7

PRAYER: Today, remove all my economic reservations, give me clear confirmation, send fresh revelation, and prepare me for financial elevation.



FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

READ: James 1:17

PRAYER: Today, let something good happen in my finances, send the greatest opportunity of my life, and make my fiscal future better than the past.



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

READ: Matthew 7:7

PRAYER: Today, help me make an impact, reverse the effects of my poor budgetary decisions, heighten my intuition, and illuminate investors for my ideas.



SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

READ: Psalm 37:23

PRAYER: Today, keep my mind focused, my eyes on the prize, my hand out of the cookie jar, and my feet on the right path.



MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

READ: 1 Timothy 6:18

PRAYER: Today, command my finances to increase, let me be rich in good deeds, and be generous to those in need.



TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

READ: Proverbs 30:8-9

PRAYER: Today, give me my daily bread, keep poverty far from my family, and don't put more on me than I can bear.

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

READ: Psalm 37:21

PRAYER: Today, let me receive my full inheritance, so I won't have to borrow from anyone, and bless the work of my hands to prosper.



THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

READ: Luke 14:28

PRAYER: Today, give me the strength to build greater reinforcements around my life, position me to excel in business, and put my gifts in demand.



FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

READ: Thessalonians 5:18

PRAYER: Today, all I want to say is thank you!



SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

READ: King 4:7

PRAYER: Today, don't let my debt consume me, give me another level of your anointing, and let my seed live off of my blessing.



SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

READ: Luke 14:28

PRAYER: Today, help me discover my treasure, bury my doubts, keep me from losing my value, and cover me with your blesse assurance.



MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

READ: Philippians 4:12

PRAYER: Today, unload unnecessary weights, put on me the weight of glory, and help me to wait on You.



TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

READ: Luke 21:1-4

PRAYER: Today Lord I surrender All, I freely give you my offering so that I may receive the richness of your grace.

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

READ: Matthew 23:19

PRAYER: Today, take the blinders off my eyes, allow me to see the wealth of your glory, and put me at the altar of mercy.



THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

READ: Proverbs 3:27-28

PRAYER: Today, make me my brother's keeper, give me a heart of gold, and compel others to give into my hands.



FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

READ: Isaiah 45:6

PRAYER: Today, flood me with opportunities, shower down blessings, shift the darkness, and have complete reign!



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

READ: Daniel 11:32

PRAYER: Today, make me an avenger, break all records, unleash my gifts, help me make a difference, and make me strong.



SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

READ: Numbers 12:6

PRAYER: Today, put wealth in my hands, poverty under my feet, a dream in my heart, and great vision in my eyes.



MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

READ: Deuteronomy 28:4

PRAYER: Today, bless everyone who is related to me, bless my friends who fight for me and have faith in me.



TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

READ: Philippians 4:8

PRAYER: Today, take the keys to my life, lock up temptation to spend beyond my budget, set an alarm on distractions, and safeguard my intentions.

Daily Reading Plans & Prayer Focus



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

READ: I Corinthians 14:33

PRAYER: Today, leave no stone unturned, close unnecessary doors, give closure, send confirmation, and stop confusion.



THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

READ: Psalm 25:2

PRAYER: Today, reduce what's taxing me, increase my likability, weaken my enemy's strength, and complete my assignment.



FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

READ: Psalm 119:33

PRAYER: Today, put me in strategic conversations, significant company, spiritual circles, and special circumstances.



SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

READ: Isaiah 6:8

PRAYER: Today, send help, support, aid, assistance, and encouragement. let me be the one who blazes the trail for others.



SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

READ: Matthew 5:16

PRAYER: Today, create a platform for my prosperity, a cast that will support me, light in dark places, and sound advice.

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