

LIFE GROUP STUDY – Dr. Harley Ihm

“How to Become Financially Healthy”

Icebreaker: How many red lights do you think you have driven through in your life? When we do it, it is because the yellow light was too short. We were tricked and it wasn't our fault. How do you feel about other people who run red lights and cause you to slam on your breaks? Do you see a discrepancy in our ideals?

Our choices cause us to make wise or unwise decisions in every area of our lives. Let's look at how we can make wise choices and become financially healthy and therefore have the ability to bless God's work and our own lives.

An Encounter with the Word of God

1. Read Philippians 4:10-20. How does Paul say the Christians at Philippi had shown their concern for him?
2. You can't relate to hard times unless you've been there. How easy has life been for Paul?
3. Paul says that he is not complementing the Philippian Christians, schmoozing to get more money. In fact whether he was broke or rich, he was equally content. How does he say he found that secret to contentment that most people never find?
4. How is contentment in life a key to becoming financially healthy?
5. How much more money would you need to make than you do now to be completely content?
6. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. The word love AHAB, means to have tender affections or passion, to desire. Solomon says that God wants us to realize that being passionate about wealth and income is meaningless. Meaningless also means emptiness or vanity. How can chasing wealth and income create emptiness instead of happiness?
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11. How do people who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap? What kind of temptations?
8. Paul tells Timothy that the love of money is 'A' root of all kinds of evil. It is not 'THE' root but it is certainly one of them. What kind of picture is he painting with various kinds of evil being attached to a root made out of money?
9. After studying these passages, what do you think God is telling you about becoming financially healthy?