

## **In God We Manage Life Group Questions**

**Warm Up:** Share one thing you like about your job. If you're retired, share one thing you miss from your previous job.

1. What is the benefit of remembering the teaching found in Deuteronomy 8:18?
2. Proverbs 11:1 and 21:6 both speak of having integrity when making financial decisions. What things do you do to overcome the temptation to be dishonest when a financial gain may be possible? (Ex. Selling a house, boat, car or filling out tax papers, etc.)
3. Read Proverbs 3:9-10a, Deuteronomy 14:23, Malachi 3:10, and 2 Corinthians 9:7. The first three of these verses speak directly to the habit of practicing the tithe and the fourth speaks to our attitude when giving to the Lord. Please discuss the following questions:
  - a. Of the four verses, which one do you find the most interesting or helpful in understanding the habit of tithing? Explain why.
  - b. Someone in the group who used to not tithe, but now does, please share how you moved from "not tithing" to "practicing tithing." Share the biggest difference tithing has made in your walk with the Lord.
4. Proverbs 6:6-8, 13:11, 21:5, 21:20, 23:5 and Ecclesiastes 11:2 either speak to the importance of saving money or having a financial plan (budget). The Bible does not command us to save money or to make a budget. It just says these habits are "wise." It is common knowledge that Americans in general save significantly less than other modernized countries (The citizens of Ireland lead the world...they on average save 19.3% of their disposable income. Americans, on average, save 5.8%). And, it is common knowledge that many Americans do not know how to make and follow a budget. Why do you think Americans struggle with these habits? What are the benefits of practicing the habit of saving and budgeting?
5. Read Proverbs 3:5-7. Trusting the Lord with "all our heart" can be measured by our habits/behaviors/actions. Share one habit a person might practice that would be proof they are trusting the Lord with their...
  - a. Time
  - b. Skills
  - c. Wealth
  - d. If there is no habit to prove a person's trust in the Lord, then can that person trust in the Lord? Explain.