

Week 2

"Protect Me; Guard Me; Worship Me" Reflection Guide

SPIRITUAL FRUIT INVENTORY:

Love: Do you love God so much that you would sell all your possessions and give the money away if He asked you to? What would be the hardest thing for you to give up?(Matthew 19:16-22)

Joy: Think about the time in your life that you were filled with the most joy. What role did money have in that joy?

Peace: Do you experience God's peace regardless of how much money is in your bank account? What do you need to surrender to God in order to get to that place of peace? Write it down, and if you're ready, surrender it over to God. If you're not there yet, pray for God's peace to fill your heart and help you to surrender control.

Patience: One of the best ways to save is by being consistent over a long period of time. Get-rich-quick schemes rarely work. How patiently and consistently are you saving?

Kindness: Are you being kind to your family and the others around you as you save? Saving takes discipline and boundaries. But when the Holy Spirit is leading you, you can still be kind, even when it means saying "no" to those you love.

Goodness: Saving is a good thing. It allows you the freedom and flexibility to bless others and be even more generous in the long run. Is your saving producing good for those around you or causing harm?

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SPIRITUAL FRUIT INVENTORY (CONTINUED):

Faithfulness: Are you being faithful in setting money aside? It's easy to fall into the temptation to spend when you're working to save. At the same time, are you being faithful to God when He puts a pressing need on your heart and calls you to deviate from your plan? Remember, faithfulness to God comes first, so as you faithfully save, continue to surrender all that you have to the Lord.

Gentleness: Are you being gentle with yourself and others? You may not do it perfectly all the time, but keep moving in the right direction. On the flip side, when saving becomes an obsession, it tends to turn toward hoarding.

Self-control: Saving is an act of self-control. It's saying "no" to short-term wants in order to accomplish a long term goal. Where are you struggling with self-control financially? What boundaries or accountability can you put in place to help you where you're weakest?

Picardo, Callie & Rosario. *Money Talks: A Biblical Take on Earning, Saving, Spending, and Giving* (p.79-80). Market Square Books.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER: WEEK 2

God, release the resurrection power of your Holy Spirit to break into my life so that I may surrender my finances, my life, and my heart to you. Too often I have held back and been unwilling to surrender everything to you.

I confess that I have yet to surrender to you:

As scary as it seems, I surrender all to you. Take the financial fears and anxieties of tomorrow and replace them with the boldness I need to follow Jesus into your new and unknown future. Help me where doubt and fear linger. May your spirit come, and your will be done. Amen.