

- **GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
- **ICEBREAKER: Share a happy experience you had concerning money.**
- **AGREEMENT PRAYER:**
- **PRAISE:**
- **SCRIPTURE READ:**

Are you a happy? That is an important question. In our quest for a happy life, it is easy for us to become distracted by things that glitter and look appealing; let us learn this: True happiness is a gift of the Holy Ghost. **Q- Does anyone feel they have sought for happiness in wrong places? Someone share.**

For many, happiness is determined by the amount of money they acquire, but the lives of many lottery winners have afterward turned toward disaster. Speaking of money, is there ever enough? **Tell us about it.**

Q- WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, have you ever met someone who was happy despite having little money? If so, what stood out about that person? Q- Have you ever met someone who was un-happy despite having money? If so, what stood out about that person?

God wants you to be happy. His joy is overflowing and He brings “abundant life.” **Q- Have you found this to be true in your own life? Please share something with us.**

Q- Giving will bring joy. What do you think of that statement? Q- Why do we have trouble believing this?

The self-discipline will bring peace. It is a fruit of God’s Spirit. Evidence of His Very Presence within our hearts. Sometimes and often we, like small children, must learn to hear, “No!” and then repeat it to ourselves, “No, self, you cannot have that!” **Q- Tell us when you said a loud no to yourself.**

Q- What are some “things” God has given you, personally? Share.

Q- What are some “things” you have given to Jesus Christ? Share.

Money won’t make you happy, but money can contribute to your happiness if you manage it well. If you mismanage money it can contribute to unhappiness and chaos in your life.

Q- Let’s be honest. Do we dream more about the hoarding of money, the blowing of money, or the proper use of money. Wow, share your heart and astound us all!

Godly principles like generosity and wisdom with money can help to bring us happiness. Being debt free removes obstacles to being happy. It is not the presence of money that makes us happy. Godly principles will bring us happiness, if we will follow them. It is a happy moment to pay off that last credit card bill!

Q- How have you learned generosity? Q- How have you learned to save money? How did you do it?

I recently googled, “more blessed to give than to receive” and I was surprised. I got pages of psychological agreement and justification for the concept without one scripture reference. It is a basic Truth, even if the author gets no credit from a world of secular scholars and teachers. **Q-Does this help you know God is Real?**

Internal Q- Are you money happy? Do we spend more time asking God for money than asking God how to properly use money? God, help us to be generous. Help us to be wise and self-disciplined. We repent of trying to be happy through money. God, You Alone, make us happy. **{Pray}**

{Group Prayer – take a few requests}

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Goals and Guidelines

1. Grow in relationship with each other

2. Grow in relationship with God

3. Grow in number and multiply

- This is a non-denominational meeting where everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions are to be respected. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to share their feelings.
- We will not argue or debate!
- We place God's Word as the highest authority.
- We all share equally in the ownership of this Connect Group, therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.
- We will be committed to attendance and arriving on time.
- When sharing, we follow 3 simple rules...
Stay on subject, Keep it short & Keep all comments appropriate.
- We will build confidence and trust with each other and become transparent.
- What is said in here stays in here. No gossip!
- Last but not least... We will invite others to our Connect Group!

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

7) "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Acts 20:35 NIV

20) "...remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

1 Timothy 1:7 NLT

7) "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline."

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