



STREET SMART SERIES
Part One: Rethinking Money-Issues
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This is what the Lord says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT)

► *God's wisdom releases _____ and _____.*

LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF _____

"Do you hear Lady Wisdom calling? ...She's taken her stand at First and Main, at the busiest intersection. Right in the city square where the traffic is thickest, she shouts, "You – I'm talking to all of you, everyone out here on the streets! ...Don't miss a word of this – I'm telling you how to live well...Prefer my life-disciplines over chasing after money, and God-knowledge over a lucrative career. For Wisdom is better than all the trappings of wealth..." Proverbs 8:1-11 (MSG)

THREE MONEY-ISSUES WE NEED TO _____

1. The Ancient Path of _____

"For we are each responsible for our own conduct...Don't be misled – you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant." Galatians 6:5, 7 (NLT)

- Personal responsibility leads to diligent _____.

"Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase." Proverbs 13:11 (NKJV)

- Personal responsibility leads to _____ and _____.

"The wise man saves for the future but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." Proverbs 21:20 (LB)

2. The Ancient Path of _____

Rethinking (Cont'd)

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

"So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." 1 Timothy 6:8 (NLT)

- Contentment leads to controlled _____.
- Contentment leads to _____ of mind.

3. The Ancient Path of _____

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will triumph in the LORD; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!" Habakkuk 3:17-18 (HCSB)

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me." Psalm 50:15 NIV

FATHER GOD, I thank you for the ancient paths that bring me peace. Today I choose to follow you into responsibility, contentment and faith. Jesus, as my Lord and Savior, I ask you to cleanse me of my sins and deliver me from my troubles. In Your Name, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: *What was your first job and how did you like it?*

Scripture Focus: *Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?*

Discussion Focus: *How can we change our thinking about money?*

Prayer Focus: *Pray for those who are struggling financially to be encouraged and renewed in their minds.*

REMEMBER *to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)*