

[GUARDRAILS]

Personal Guide—Week of Aug. 30th - Sept. 5th, 2015

Introduction

This week's guardrail has to do with wealth & consumption...and our devotion to God. Let's explore what the Bible says on guarding this area of our lives.

Materials Needed

- Bible
- Notebook or Journal
- Computer (for *THRIVE* only)

Day One

Read the first chapter of Daniel.

1. What important background information is found in the first few verses?
2. What decision did Daniel make in verse 8? How would you explain the significance of this decision?
3. What "test" did Daniel propose and how was it put into practice? How does this display trust in God? What was the outcome?

Day Two

Jesus had a lot to say about money and trusting God in Matthew 6. Take time to read through Jesus' words in this chapter.

1. In what ways are we encouraged to trust God in the prayer Jesus shared in verses 9-13? How about in verses 19-24?
2. What promise is given in verse 33? How might this serve as a guardrail as we trust God for our needs?

Day Three

The Apostle Paul talked about trusting God in all things. Let's see what he had to say in Philippians 4.

1. What instruction does Paul give us in verses 4-6? What is promised if we do these things?
2. What has Paul learned in verses 11-12? How does verse 13 explain this? How was the Philippian Church he wrote to in this book able to participate in blessing him? How might trusting God with our finances allow us to bless others?

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Day Four

Number 3 of Riverside's Big Three is "Give of Yourself." How are you at giving back to God what is His? Let's look at what God says about tithing as we read Malachi 3:6-12.

1. What are the descendants of Jacob failing to do in this passage?
2. This is the only passage in the Bible that challenges us, the readers, to test God. In what way are we to do so? What does He promise us if we test Him in this area? Have you taken this challenge? What was the result?

Day Five

Read Hebrews 13:5 through a few times for today, using different versions if available.

1. What are we instructed to avoid? What are we instructed to do in this verse?
2. What promise has God given us? How might this be a guardrail for us when it comes to money?

THRIVE

If managing your money is a difficult thing for you, consider taking Financial Peace University this fall @ Riverside. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6th. You can register at www.myriversidechurch.com/fpu.

You can read some great testimonials of how lives have been changed as people began living by the biblical principles of Financial Peace. Read some at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/stories/

Christianity Today had an interesting article on a new reality show that helps us explore our true motives when it comes to trust, greed, and giving it all away. Check it out at <http://bit.ly/ruworth>

Additional resources at www.myriversidechurch.com/smallgroups.

