

Facing The Truth About What You Have Accepted

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New Statement: What have you accepted in your life?

1. What have you accepted about your **money**? (Look at your balances)
2. What have you accepted about **debt** (Who are you a slave to and why?)
3. What are some **questions** you have about money?

I. What Have You Accepted About Your Money (Part 1)

1. Have you accepted that the rich rule the poor (Proverbs 22:7, NIV)

- The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

2. Have you accepted that everything can fly away (Proverbs 23:5, NIV)

- Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

3. Three Questions For You To Consider:

1. What is the truth about your **money**?
2. What is the truth about how you **manage** money?
3. What is the truth about your long-term financial health?

Note: Questions about your money that will help discover the truth

1. When is the last time you **saved**? (If you continue to save what you saved last month what will you have in ten years?)
2. What **percentage** of your salary do you give away?
3. What person **taught** you how to manage your money?
4. Are your quarterly **taxes** current? (For businesspeople)
5. Are you always filing for an **extension**?
6. Are your **records** up to date?
7. What is your credit **score** and why is it at that level?

II. Facts That Are Hard to Accept About Churches and Money

1. They generally spend about 50-60% of their income on salaries

- Source: <https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/healthy-church-budget-percentages>

2. They generally spend 30% plus or more on housing themselves

- Source: <https://compendent.com/1639/church-budget-percentages/>

Note: We are spending 8% on mortgage debt which allows us to spend a higher amount on salaries and other outreach efforts.

3. They can easily be tempted to have a lot of services to fill up a calendar

4. They can be tempted to create giving scenarios to keep funding coming (Building Funds, First Fruit, Anniversaries, Business Deals, etc.)

Conclusion:

III. Three Important Things I Hope You Accept

1. The people in a **family, church, or organization (FCO)** will determine the **atmosphere** and level of financial freedom

Proverbs. 11:24-25, NIV

- 24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes other will be refreshed.
2. The **maturity** and willingness to **honestly, aggressively focus,** and **plan** for the future will determine the future options the **family, church, and organization** will have in their future.
 3. The **passion for excellence** of the family, church, and organization will determine the **levels** they will advance to in the future

Next Time: What have you accepted about debt?

Hint: Proverbs 22:7