

# Kingdom Principles, Old-Fashioned Wisdom & Financial Freedom

## Week 1 Handout: As a Man Thinketh

### Lesson Theme

**Financial freedom begins in the mind.**  
Before money changes, thinking must change.

### Purpose of This Lesson

- Establish the **mind as the starting point** of financial freedom
- Expose **unbiblical and inherited money mindsets**
- Replace **scarcity thinking** with **Kingdom stewardship thinking**
- Lay the foundation for the remaining six weeks

### Foundational Convictions

-  The Bible is the **FINAL** authority
- Stewardship is a **spiritual discipline**
- God desires **wisdom, peace, and freedom**
- Transformation begins in the **mind**
- Freedom is built **over time through obedience**

### Key Scripture

#### Proverbs 23:7

“For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”

#### Truth:

- Thinking precedes behavior
- Beliefs quietly shape financial decisions

### Supporting Scriptures

- **Romans 12:2** – Renewed minds produce transformation
- **Philippians 4:8** – What you dwell on shapes your life
- **Deuteronomy 8:18** – God gives the power to get wealth

## Old-Fashioned Wisdom

- You cannot rise above your thinking
- Mindsets create money habits
- What you repeatedly tell yourself becomes your reality

## Inherited Financial Thinking

Common learned scripts:

- “We’ve always struggled”
- “Money is evil”
- “People like us don’t get ahead”

These are **learned beliefs**, not biblical truth.

## The Battlefield of the Mind

- Spiritual warfare often begins with thoughts
- Unexamined beliefs sabotage opportunity
- God transforms thinking **before** changing circumstances

## Illustration: The Leaky Bucket

- More income does not fix broken thinking
- Without discipline, money drains away
- God teaches stewardship before abundance

## Ownership Over Appearance

- Looking rich is not the same as being free
- The Bible prioritizes **substance over show**
- Stewardship builds stability and legacy  
(*Proverbs 21:20*)

## Practical Application – Week 1

- Conduct a **thought audit**
- Identify money-related beliefs
- Replace lies with scripture
- Track spending for **awareness, not judgment**

# Financial Freedom Covenant

This is:

- A **commitment**, not a contract
- **Direction**, not perfection
- Rooted in wisdom, stewardship, and legacy

## Covenant Commitments

- **Renewed Thinking:** Reject fear and scarcity  
*(Romans 12:2; Proverbs 23:7)*
- **Wise Spending:** Choose discipline over impulse  
*(Luke 12:15; Proverbs 13:11)*
- **Generational Legacy:** Teach wisdom at home  
*(Proverbs 13:22)*
- **Preparation:** Save, plan, and seek counsel  
*(Proverbs 6:6–8; Genesis 41:29–30)*

## Corporate Declaration

We choose wisdom over impulse  
Stewardship over struggle  
Legacy over survival  
In Jesus' name, Amen

## Closing Charge

**The mind must change before the money.**  
This lesson is the foundation for freedom.