

## Presentation on 100 Huntley Street January 5: The Road to Money Matters

**T**hank you for inviting me into your home. I am thrilled we will be together throughout the year talking about money matters. During our trip, I want you always to know, to be truly confident, about the hope each of us has in Jesus Christ. Whatever your condition, I assure you on the authority of Scripture, Jesus Christ loves you so much, He died for you. John 3:16-17 says:

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**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

In Mark 9:23, Jesus tells us ... "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Think about this:

**Jesus is the perfect Father, Friend, and Counselor.**

You can put your trust in Him knowing He will never leave you - isn't this comforting?

The foundation for what I will share in our sessions is in the Bible, rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I will share several financial tools and techniques with you in later segments. But I assure you as a professional accountant, former company executive, and follower of Christ, to work, they need a solid, biblical foundation. Otherwise, they will be band-aids that cover, but not heal wounds.

Today, Christ is my passion; but for the first 38 years of my life, I had no interest in God or church.

Almost 20 years ago, as an up-and-coming executive at Alcan Inc., I had everything the world said I needed, but still I strived. Along the way, I collected two ulcers; neglected my wife and my children, and I wasn't contented; but I was sure I didn't want any part of a "Christian" life.

After an intense two-year search, trying to prove to my daughter Christianity was for feeble-minded people, my eyes and ears opened. For the first time I saw and appreciated God's creation-birds, snow, rain, flowers! I just didn't have enough faith to disbelieve Jesus Christ is who He says He is. In other words, the order of God's creation overwhelmed me. I had to agree with the Creation account; with Jesus' coming to earth and dying and rising for me; and with the many other biblical truths!

So I cried out to God in December 1985 and asked Him to control my life--to become my Lord and Savior. I begged Him to be in charge at home, in the office and everywhere. I didn't want to behave like a different person in different settings. I had seen enough of this at church over the years. In hindsight, I realize the Holy Spirit was prompting me throughout this journey.

What happened after surrendering to Christ? Here I was in the secular world in my lofty job! How could I work as a Christian after speaking about Christianity so negatively for so many years? I couldn't! I didn't; at least not on my own. That's when I realized I had to depend on Jesus for everything.

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Miraculously, after I stopped wrestling with my decision for Christ, I found peace. I stopped striving to please people and focused on being the best I could be for Christ. I believed He would be with me and I acted knowing He was with me. About 10 years after the decision, He told me I would leave Alcan before full retirement age and work full-time for Him for no financial gain.

Well, here I am today, two years out of Alcan, in awe of what He has been doing. If you are watching and don't know Christ as personal Lord and Savior, He invites you to come to Him. Please call the prayer lines today; Jesus is waiting on your call!

Next time we start building our foundation by looking at the 3-M's of the spending transaction.

Meanwhile, I would ask you to consider these questions:

- 1. What is money?**
- 2. Is money manageable?**
- 3. How do I decide how much I need?**

God bless and remember Jesus loves you.

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