

## MARGIN

### Margin of Money

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## TALK IT OVER

### KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 21:5; 22:3  
Proverbs 6:6-8; 25:16  
Matthew 6:24  
1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19

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### START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What has been the most financially stressful period in your life, and why?

### START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- **DEFINITION OF MARGIN:** Margin is the space between our load and our limits . It is the amount allowed beyond that which is needed. It is something held in reserve for contingencies or unanticipated situations. Margin is the gap between rest and exhaustion, the space between breathing freely and suffocating.
- Why is financial margin so difficult for so many people?

### START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Proverbs 21:5 and 22:3. Why is planning so important? How does planning help one to prepare for financial difficulties in the future? A **BUDGET** is a plan. How have you used a budget as a family/individual? What kind of things would be in a budget that is wise?
- Read Proverbs 6:6-8 and 25:16. How is the Ant an example to us? Why is laziness so often a cause of financial stress and “margin less” living? Why is self-control so essential to our ability to maintain financial margin in our lives? What area is most difficult for **YOU** to control your appetites? [Food/Shopping/etc.]. When was the last time you said “**NO**” or “**NOT NOW**” to yourself?
- Read Matthew 6:24 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19. Why is margin at its core really an issue of **LORDSHIP**? How can money become someone’s lord? How does a longing for more money lead to discontent and disaster? How are **SIMPLICITY** and **GENEROSITY** signs of our submission to Jesus Christ?

### START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Make a plan as a family this week to go **ONE ENTIRE WEEK** without going shopping. Eat what is in your refrigerator and wear what you already have!
- Set a goal this week to begin putting enough **EMERGENCY FUND** money aside to cover at least one month’s expenses for you and your family.
- Set aside money at the beginning of the month for tithes and offerings.

### START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

- Ask God to give you the ability to really see where you need margin in your finances, and ask him to give you the wisdom and courage to start making room for financial margin in your life starting **NOW**.

