



**SERIES: OVERCOMING FEAR**

**TOPIC: Facing Your Financial Realities Without Fear – Pastor Alton Trimble**  
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**Ecclesiastes 7:14 (LB)** *"Enjoy prosperity whenever you can, and when hard times strike, realize God gives one as well as the other -- so everyone will realize nothing is certain in this life."*

**WHY I'M NOT TO WORRY ABOUT FINANCES**

**Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)**

1. It's unreasonable.
2. It's unnatural.
3. It's unhelpful.
4. It's unnecessary.

**Philippians 4:19:** *"God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

**THE CONDITIONS THAT GUARANTEE GOD WILL MEET MY NEEDS:**

1. If I put Christ first in my life.

*"Your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well what you need, and He will give it to you if you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to." Matthew 6:32-33 (LB)*

2. If I pray and expect Him to answer.

*"If you, though evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him." Matthew 7:11*

3. If I obey God's financial principles.

*"The man who wants to do right will get a rich reward. But the man who wants to get rich quick will quickly fail." Proverbs 28:20 (LB)*

4. If I demonstrate contentment with what I have.

*"Whoever loves money never has enough . . . and is never satisfied with his income . . . As goals increase, so do those who consume them..." Ecclesiastes 5:10-11*

*". . . Be content with what you have, because God has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5*

**5. If I practice the law of the harvest.**

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make ALL grace abound to you, so that in ALL things at ALL times, having ALL THAT YOU NEED, you will abound in EVERY good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How often do you place prayer before a purchase?
  - Do you pray before you pay for it?
  - Explain
2. Have you ever fallen victim to get rich quick schemes?
  - Explain
  - How are you impacted by the get rich quick culture we live in?
  - Discuss
3. How difficult has it been to live a life of contentment in our commercially driven culture?
  - What can you do to push back on these negative influences?
4. How do you think about the law of sowing & reaping in your everyday life?
  - Does your amount of harvest reflect your level of sowing?
  - Explain
5. How does the fifth way that guarantees God will meet your needs impact your thinking moving forward?
  - Discuss