



# Finance 101

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<sup>16</sup> Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. <sup>17</sup> For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. <sup>18</sup> And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. <sup>19</sup> What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honour the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. <sup>20</sup> We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. <sup>21</sup> For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8

### **#1. FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT**

<sup>5</sup> So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9

<sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

## ROMANS 13

## **#2. GUARD YOUR CONSCIENCE**

<sup>21</sup> For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord, ...

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<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, 'Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? <sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.'

<sup>5</sup> When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

ACTS 5

## **#3. PRESERVE YOUR CREDIBILITY**

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<sup>4</sup> At this, the chief ministers and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. <sup>5</sup> Finally these men said, 'We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.'

## DANIEL 6

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. When have you chosen to uphold a financial commitment even when it was painful or risky? Are there financial commitments you are failing to uphold?**
- 2. Before God's eyes, have you been dishonest in any way with your financial dealings? If you know that you might suffer the same fate as Ananias and Sapphira, what will you do?**
- 3. What are some actions that would be good for you to take (beyond merely right and wrong) so as to preserve your reputation in financial matters?**