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This week at First Central:

This Sunday continuing our series in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "Knowledge Is Not Enough" from John 8:21-30.

Bookmarks with upcoming sermon titles and scripture are available in the usual places. Pick one up this week.

You can watch the services live on Facebook here. You can also view the service (after the fact) on Pastor Mark's blog and on the church website, www.firstcentral.church.

Hello church family. We are looking into the possibility of offering childcare for our ***2022 Women's Christmas Friendship Dinner Event*** on December 10th. We would like to reach out to our women neighbors and invite them to our event and providing childcare is a way we can help them to attend if they should need it. We are looking for a couple of women who would be willing to help us with childcare; if you are so led, please contract Carol Wheeler at (425) 890-9461 (call or text).

Plans for fall are in the works. We will need leaders in order to get our Wednesday night children's program running. Please be praying about helping in this area!

Ladies, it's that time of year — fall Bible studies will be starting soon. Please see the attachment for details on the upcoming studies.

You can sign up for any of them on the Women's Bulletin Board on the second floor, or use the links below:

God of Deliverance:
https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/de9cb1

Fruit of the Spirit:
https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/770219

Romans:
https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/6d492a

Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
July 31	$9,038	$10,730
Year-to-date:	$271,140	$263,290

10 Financial Principles That are Biblical (#9 & #10)

by George Fooshee

These are the final two principles:

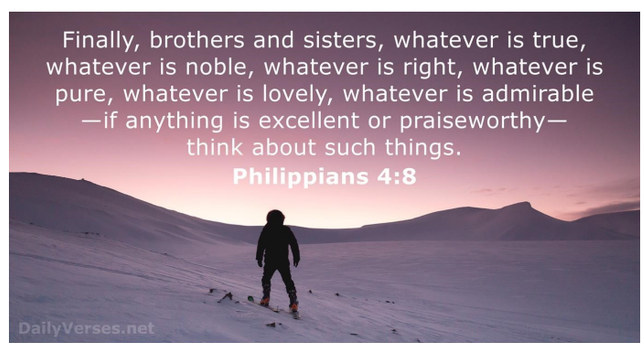
Work Hard

The ninth principle is that of hard work. The Scriptures spell it out: "In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty." (**Prov. 14:23**). "Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty." (**Prov. 28:19**).

Seek Godly Counsel

The last principle is that of seeking godly counsel. **Psalm 1:1** declares, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked..." A person needing financial advice should not go to someone who makes his living selling the very thing he's contemplating buying. "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (**Prov. 15:22**).

We hope these 10 principles have been helpful and put you on the right financial path.



You do not have more problems than other people - you just think about them more often! Stop: go back and reread that sentence. Take a moment and consider what it means. It is what you think about that produces how you feel. If you do not believe that, try getting angry without first having angry thoughts, or getting sad without first having sad thoughts. You cannot do it, can you? To experience a feeling you must first have the thought that produces it.

That is life-changing information; it is knowledge the devil doesn't want you to have. If you change how you think you will change how you feel! Nothing can hold your negative feelings in place other than your own thinking. The truth is, it is your thinking that is negative, not your life! Once you understand that you can get back on the path to happiness again. But change takes time. You did not become negative overnight and you won't become positive overnight. But you can start. How? By doing two things: First, by treating your negative thoughts in the same way you treat flies at a picnic - shoo them away and replace them with thoughts that are 'excellent and praiseworthy.' You have that choice! Second, by thinking about God's goodness. David did: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies' (Psalm 103:2-4 NKJV).

So, if you are serious about changing your life, start changing how you think!