

# LESSON 1: THE POWER OF VISION

*Where there is no vision, the people perish....-Proverbs 29:18*

## TALK IT OVER

In what ways does our culture pressure us to love or pursue money?

If money was no object, what would you do with the rest of your life?

## CREATE A FINANCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

In one sentence, cast a vision for what you want to accomplish regarding your finances. Your mission statement can relate to a long-term or short-term goal. Here are some examples:

- My financial goal is to be debt free in five years with no car payments.
- Our goal as a family is to increase our income so that we may increase our giving over our normal tithe.
- My personal goal for my finances is to invest 20 percent of my income toward my retirement.
- My goal is to create a budget so I will no longer live paycheck to paycheck.

**MY FINANCIAL MISSION STATEMENT:**

## WRITE DOWN YOUR FINANCIAL CORE VALUES

List three to five core values that will define the focus of your finances. These values can relate directly to your mission statement. Here are examples of some core values:

- To not spend more than I make.
- To not use credit cards.
- Doing everything possible to stay on budget.
- Saving and investing a certain percentage of income for emergency situations.
- Giving above and beyond our/my normal tithe not only to our/my church, but also to other charities and people in need.

**Core Values:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

# MY PERSONAL FINANCIAL GOALS

## Financial Goals Example:

*I want to use God's Word as a guiding light in all my financial matters and I will start by setting the following goals:*

1. I want to be credit card debt free in two years.
2. I want to pay off our mortgage in five years.
3. I want to pay cash for Christmas this year.
4. I want to tithe 10% of my income.

## Write your Financial Mission Statement Goals:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Reading & Resources:

- **Vision Map** - Joël Malm
- **Dream it, Pin it, Live it** – Terri Savelle Foy
- [www.lakewoodchurch.com/financial](http://www.lakewoodchurch.com/financial)

