Finding Financial Balance

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

The Laws of Balance

1. Every balanced life needs a clear **reference point**.

   ✔ A reference point means determining who is the **owner**.

Psalm 24:1 (NIV) The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.

   ✔ If God is not our reference point, culture's **lies** about money will lead to our downfall.

   ✔ The question isn't, "How much do I own?" but "How **faithful** am I with what I've been given?"

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT) Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

2. Balance requires **constant correction**.

   ✔ Financial health is not maintained by intention; it's maintained by **inspection**.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (NIV) Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; [24] for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.

   ✔ What you don't **monitor** will drift.

3. Balance requires a **clear objective**.

✔ Balance requires answering the question; “Who do I **trust**?”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT) Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. [18] Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. [19] By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

✔ Our objective should be a life that **honors God**.