Getting Fit Financially – GWAC 9th May 2021

Reason 1 – KNOWLEDGE

6 Principles

1. "Who's in charge" Principle

a. God is the ______ and I am the ______

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

2. "Proportional" Principle

Leviticus 27:30

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

3. "First Fruits" Principle

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops

Reason 2 – PLANNING

4. "Big Shovel" Principle

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

• You can't _____ God

5. "Right Attitude" Principle

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

• Jesus *had* the right attitude

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

• Jesus *taught* the right attitude

Matthew 23:23

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

6. "Do it Now" Principle

"If I had millions of dollars, I'd start tithing."

Luke 16:10

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

"I can't afford to tithe"

Application Questions?

1. "What if my income goes down next year?"

Matthew 6:25-26

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

2. Why should I sign my name?

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Reason 3- TRUST

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.