

# BALANCED

## Opening the Books

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### 1. Three laws of balance

- Reference point
- Constant correction
- Clear objective

### 2. Finances follow the law of harvest, not the law of Pinocchio

- Planting and harvesting
- Later and greater

*Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.* Galatians 6:7 NLT

### 3. Being out of balance financially creates problems

- Not necessarily financial problems
- Financial imbalance is an indication of spiritual imbalance

*Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.* Matthew 6:21 NLT

*"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."*

Luke 16:13 NLT

### Next Steps:

- Accept the "7 Day Tracking" challenge  
[Record everything I spend for the next week]
- Consider the possessions that I value the most, my attitudes about finances, and my struggles. Commit them to God
- Commit to attend the rest of the "Balanced" series
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