

# BALANCED

## Reading the Fine Print

Sunday, July 18, 2021

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### 1. Three laws of balance

- Reference point
- Constant correction
- Clear objective

<sup>2</sup> Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. <sup>3</sup> “And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. <sup>4</sup> I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings <sup>5</sup> and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. **1 Chronicles 29:2-5 NLT**

### 2. What is your objective with your money?

- Tithing – 10% cut for God?
- That makes 90% mine?
- This is not just about giving, this is about living
- From Scripture: Honor God

<sup>10</sup> “... O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. <sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. <sup>13</sup> “O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! <sup>14</sup> But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! <sup>15</sup> We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace. <sup>16</sup> “O LORD our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you! <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.

**1 Chronicles 29:10-17 NLT**

**Prayer: God, show me how to honor you with everything I have**

### Next Steps:

- Pray and ask God to help me have a clear objective for my personal finance that is Scriptural
- Accept the scriptural view that everything I have belongs to God and came from God. I just manage it.
- Commit to attend the rest of “Balanced”
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