

## House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

### September: Wielding Wealth

#### Week 3 – Managing Money

##### Introduction

Money is the oil with which our economies are lubricated. Without money, economies grind to a noisy, messy and expensive halt. Just like oil in an engine, for money to do its job properly it needs to flow from one place to another. Oil that cannot flow is useless as a lubricant. If any engine is to last long and survive whatever life throws at it, the owner must know how to manage its oil. Likewise, in order for any economy - personal, family and collective (such as in a church) - to sustain its wealth, the owners of that economy must know how to manage their money. Otherwise that economy will eventually grind to a noisy, messy and expensive halt.

##### Pilot text

***Luke 16:3-9 (NLT) 3 “The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg. 4 Ah, I know how to ensure that I’ll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.’***

***5 “So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’ 6 The man replied, ‘I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.’***

***7 “‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’***

***8 “The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. 9 Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.***

- What does the pilot text tell us about managing money?
- Q&A on managing money
- Take home actions
  - Make a list of actions you need to take to better manage your money, and commit to change in this month. Be ready to hold yourself accountable, and you are well on your way to freedom.