

the HOME SHEET

this week's topic:

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL: MONEY CAN MAKE US TIGHTFISTED

I. CHECK-IN

Check-in about last week's challenge:

Last week you were challenged to combat debt in a practical way such as making a budget, using the debt snowball effect, or having an accountability partner. Share your experience if you tried this!

II. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

III. CHALLENGE

This week, put some money aside that can be used to help others. If an opportunity to help arises, you will be prepared!

Be prepared to share about this next week.

II. SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 15:7-10: Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites. To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them. You must generously lend them whatever they need. But watch yourself! Make sure no wicked thought crosses your mind, such as, The seventh year is coming—the year of debt cancellation—so that you resent your poor fellow Israelites and don't give them anything. If you do that, they will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin. No, give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the Lord your God's blessing you in all you do and work at.

III. DISCUSSION

- Reflect on the scripture passage above. What stands out to you?
- Another word for being tightfisted is "stingy." How have you encountered yourself being tightfisted/stingy?
- How can you put yourself in a position to be able to live generously? How do you feel about living this way?
- What are some "wicked thoughts" you have created in your mind when it comes to being generous?
- How has resentment played itself out in your life when you try practicing generosity?
- How can you make a difference in the lives of others with the money you have leftover after meeting your basic needs?