



We have approved the following organizations and programs for personal financial management training.

1. **Compass— Navigating Finances God’s Way**
2. **Crown Financial Ministries—MoneyLife Personal Finance Study**
3. **Financial Peace University—Online (or DVD) Home Study**
4. **Good Sense Movement—Freed-Up Financial Living**
5. **Ron Blue Institute—God Owns It All**

Further information about each training program follows. The descriptions were taken directly from each program’s webpage.

1. [Compass -- Finances God's Way](#)

[Navigating Your Finances God's Way](#)

“This nine week small group study teaches individuals God’s perspective of managing money and possessions. It will provide the practical applications of handling finances, and really gets to the heart of the matter.

Features of study: Practical budgeting tools can be accessed in the workbook as well as electronically and on-line.

[Click here to view the Navigating Your Finances God’s Way Introduction Video](#)

[Get your free sample chapter here.](#)

Topics include:

- * God’s Part & Our Part
- * Debt, Honesty & Counsel
- * Generosity
- * Work
- * Saving & Investing
- * Crisis & Perspective
- * Eternity

Budgeting options:

- * Traditional hardcopy
- * Electronic spreadsheets
- * Money Lounge – an online budgeting tool which utilizes Mint.com and Smartphone applications
- * Downloadable audio notes
- * Online financial calculators and dictionary
- * Online facilitator training and tools

Student Single Set: \$39 includes (1) workbook and a free copy of Your Money Counts.”

2. [Crown Financial Ministries](#)

“From motivating true stories of great perseverance to insightful teaching to deeply introspective self-study, the [MoneyLife Personal Finance Study](#) is designed to help you overcome financial challenges to help you gain a life of meaning and purpose. It is a highly relational biblical financial study intended to create interaction among group members that will foster mutual support and accountability for the entire group. This study provides solutions for both the symptoms and the root cause of your financial problems once and for all. Combining solid biblical teaching, powerful online tools, and hands-on practical experiences, the MoneyLife® Personal Finance Study is a 10-week journey with the potential to change not only your finances but also your life.

The MoneyLife® Personal Finance Study will help you:

- Understand God's financial principles
- Obtain hope and deepen your faith
- Grow in your generosity
- Ditch debt permanently
- Create a solid, reasonable financial plan for your life
- Make confident financial decisions
- Develop new attitudes and habits related to money and possessions
- Save and invest for the future
- Impart financial wisdom to your children"

MoneyLife Personal Finance Study is also available at Crown's website as an [online course](#).

[Managing Our Finances God's Way Book](#)

[Managing Our Finances God's Way DVD](#)

3. Financial Peace University

[Financial Peace University - Online Home Study](#)

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 9 lesson, money-management course taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. FPU Online offers you 16-week access to class materials and the convenience of attending this life-changing course on your own schedule and in your own home!

Lesson 1: Super Saving -- Common Sense for Your Dollars and Cents

Lesson 2: Relating With Money -- Nerds and Free Spirits Unite!

Lesson 3: Cash Flow Planning-- The Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting

Lesson 4: Dumping Debt -- Breaking the Chains of Debt

Lesson 5: Buyer Beware -- The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions

Lesson 6: The Role of Insurance -- Protecting Your Health, Family and Finances

Lesson 7: Retirement and College Planning -- Mastering the Alphabet Soup of Investing

Lesson 8: Real Estate and Mortgages -- Keeping the American Dream From Becoming a Nightmare

Lesson 9: The Great Misunderstanding -- Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving

4. Good Sense Movement

["Freed-Up Financial Living"](#) is the core of the Freed-Up resources. It is designed for anyone, regardless of their financial situation.

This resource pairs sound financial knowledge with biblical principles of money management, guiding participants to develop a personal spending plan that reflects both in a healthy, balanced way. They explore what the Bible and the culture say about the five financial areas of life (earning, giving, saving, debt and spending).

We strongly believe that there is a biblical mandate for the church to live in a financially responsible, empowered way. This is due to the fact that our relationship to our money is central to our relationship to God! Freed-Up Financial Living addresses the matter of who we serve (Matt. 6:21), where our heart is (Matt.6:24) and what the love of money can lead to (1Tim.6:10).

Although God’s truth is communicated in a clear, compelling way, this is all done in a grace-filled manner – no guilt or judgment allowed!

Note: Freed-Up Financial Living is an improved, updated version that replaces the previous Good \$ense Budget Course. The DVD includes a free downloadable Facilitator’s Guide, allowing all parts of the Freed-Up Financial Living workshop to easily be conducted by a live presenter. Take its guidance to heart, then adapt your role to your unique circumstances. \$59.99 EACH – contains one workbook and DVD.”

5. Ron Blue Institute for Financial Planning—God Owns It All

“*God Owns It All* tackles the money question we all ask: How much is enough? The answer to this question is found in God's Word. With over four decades of experience in the financial-services industry, Ron Blue presents financial principles that are affirmed by the authority of Scripture and tested by the marketplace. He knows that God's principles work and are needed in our finances. These biblically based principles will equip us to approach money management and financial planning with freedom, generosity, contentment, and confidence. When we apply the biblical truths offered in this study, our finances will be ordered, our decisions will be simplified, and our experience will invite contentment in all areas of our lives.

Features:

- Teaching videos featuring Ron Blue
- Financial principles from biblical truths
- Leader tips
- Individual-study opportunities for ongoing spiritual growth
- Six-week Bible Study Book with group and personal components
- Step-by-step plans for six group sessions
- Promotional content, including a promotional video for the Bible study

Benefits:

- Help individuals gain a sense of fulfillment and contentment in their finances.
- Discover financial principles that are affirmed by Scripture.
- Equip participants to approach money management and financial planning with freedom, generosity, contentment, and confidence.
- Help group members understand financial management as a part of discipleship.”