

Grace Joy Freedom

These are the results God promises when we manage our financial resources according to His purposes and principles! The Good \$ense Course changes hearts and lives in the area of finance. This ministry can:

- empower us to control our spending decisions,
- relieve the anxiety caused by consumer debt,
- restore shattered confidence from poor financial decisions in the past,
- mend marriages torn by conflict over money, and
- equip any who desire to increase their charitable giving.

We contrast the pull of our (materialistic) culture with the mind and heart of God in choices we make about our money—earning, giving, saving, spending, and debt. This empowers us to control our money instead of the other way around.

The Good \$ense Budget Course instruction is different from other classes in the community because it is *Biblical, grace-oriented and practical.*

**“For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will be also.”**

Matthew 6:21



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**GOOD
\$ENSE**

**a ministry committed to helping
others experience Biblical
stewardship and financial freedom**

*Transforming your
finances and
your life!*

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What is the **Good \$ense** Ministry?

Good \$ense is a financial stewardship ministry based at the local church level, supporting the pastor in teaching, training and encouraging its members to honor God with their money and possessions. In this process, money is removed as a rival god and barrier to spiritual growth- *transformational stewardship*.

Vision

The vision of Good \$ense is for churches and congregations to experience the spiritual, emotional, and relational joy and freedom that comes from practicing Biblical stewardship.

Values

The core values anchoring the Good \$ense Ministry are the “steward’s mindset” (the understanding and practices that acknowledge God created everything, and we are God’s stewards, not owners, of what we have).

The Good \$ense Ministry is characterized as:

- Being Biblically based
- Local church owned and delivered
- Having culturally relevant and easily understood concepts
- Using flexible teaching formats
- Providing support for the ministry in the local church

Transformational Stewardship

Spiritual maturity is related in part to financial maturity. God is doing a good work in us over time. God is good enough, great enough and powerful enough to help us control our money as well as every other aspect of our lives! We expect God to use Good \$ense to remove stumbling blocks for every person. The result will be a congregation whose finances and lives are characterized by grace, joy and freedom.

Good \$ense is for Everyone

No one can afford to ignore money. The Good \$ense Budget Course is designed to meet the needs of four types of people. Which are you?

- **In Crisis.** Are you drowning in debt and need a life preserver?
- **Living Paycheck to Paycheck.** Are your savings too low with no end in sight?
- **Fiscally Fit.** You’re a healthy money manager but spiritually out of shape.
- **Faithful Steward.** Well on your way toward a God-honoring financial lifestyle. *Our volunteers come from this category!*

What Will I Learn?

You will learn what the Bible says about finances and how to combat cultural myths such as, “Debt is expected and unavoidable,” “Things bring happiness,” and “A little more money will solve all your problems.”

The Good \$ense Budget Course is designed to help you discover peace and contentment that comes from managing your financial resources according to God’s purposes and principles.

In this hands-on seminar, you will learn how to honor God in your finances by becoming a...

- Diligent Earner
- Generous Giver
- Wise Saver
- Cautious Debtor
- Prudent Consumer

