



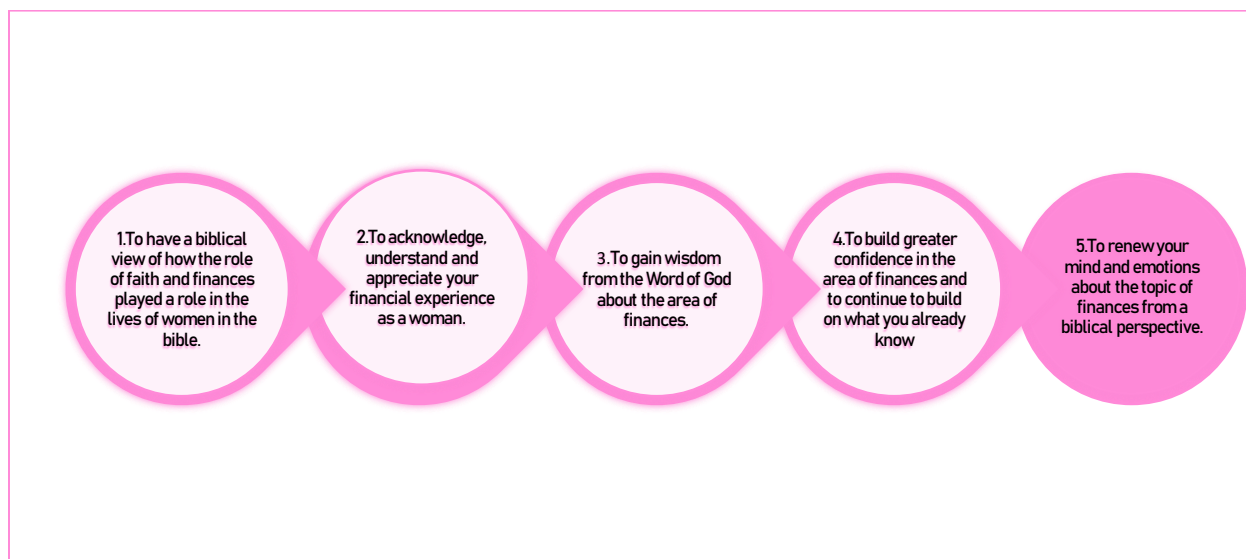
Welcome Ladies!

I am so glad that you are joining us for the Speak the Word Church International Women's Bible study. We are beginning a new topic Women, Faith & Finance. Please feel free to use this as your guide as we study the Word of God and learn the Lord's plan for our lives.

Guidelines:

- *Timeframe 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Online*
- *This Bible study is designed for women from STWCI and guests.*
- *Utilize your audio and video mute buttons as needed.*
- *Utilize the chat discussion*
- *Participate!*

1. Women's Bible Study Goals



2. Facts about Women & Finance

Here are some fun facts taken from the latest financial research articles and journals from 2016-2022. Please fill in the areas with your own notes as we discuss together:



1. Money is a taboo topic among women.

My Notes:



2. The Sandwich Generation

My Notes:

3. Financial Literacy:

My Notes:

4. Investing:

My Notes:

5. Three reasons women are less confident in finances:

1. Household decision maker
2. Gender roles
3. Mathematical abilities

My notes:

3.Foundation Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:18-19

18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

4.Faith & Finance

What has your experience been in this area?

Write your personal notes here:

5.Financial Scriptures for Thought

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

Proverbs 31:13-18

She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships. She brings her food from afar.¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants.¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;

From her profits she plants a vineyard.¹⁷ She girds herself with strength and strengthens her arms.¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is good [...]

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8-21 SHIPHRAH & PUAH THE EGYPTIAN MIDWIVES

Exodus 1:8-21

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.”

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. 13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with [d]rigor. 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; 16 and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?”

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.”

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. 21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Discussion Questions: Shiphrah & Puah

- 1. How did Shiphrah’s & Puah’s career play a role in their faith & finances? How did they obey God?**
- 2. How did the Lord deal with Shiphrah & Puah? Why is this significant to understand?**
- 3. If your career is a means of God’s financial provision in your life, how does it honor the Lord?**
- 4. How does their story inspire us to be mindful of our careers and what we choose to do to create wealth?**

MY NOTES:

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 10:1-13

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

10 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. 6 Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. 7 However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. 8 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 11 Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of [c]almug wood and precious stones from Ophir. 12 And the king made [d]steps of the almug wood for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day. 13 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So, she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Discussion Questions: The Queen of Sheba

1. How did the Queen of Sheba's role impact her finances? She came to him with great retinue, camels with spices, very much gold and precious stones.

2. How did faith play a role in her life?

3. There were specific areas where she was convinced by Solomon's wisdom and words as being a "true report". What were important about these areas that were demonstrated in Solomon's life?

A. The house was built.

B. The food on his table.

C. The seating of his servants.

D. The service of the waiters & their apparel.

E. His cupbearers.

F. His way of how we went to the house of the Lord.

MY NOTES

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:1-10

SAPPHIRA & ANANIAS

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. ² He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.

³ Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. ⁴ The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. ⁶ Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.

⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?"

"Yes," she replied, "that was the price."

⁹And Peter said, “How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too.”

¹⁰Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Discussion Questions: Ananias & Sapphira

- 1. How did Sapphira’s relationship with money play a role in her relationship with God?**
- 2. How did their relationship as a married couple impact their finances?**
- 3. What influence did their decision and outcome have upon the church?**
- 4. Why did they go to such extremes for finances?**
- 5. What lessons can we learn from Sapphira’s life?**

MY NOTES: