



## Own the Mess

### GraceYouth Week 3

#### Jr. High

September 30, 2020

#### **Big Idea**

Good plans shape good financial decisions, and good financial decisions shape a godly life

#### **Ice Breaker**

What is a situation you have been in where you had to “own the mess”?

#### **Introduction:**

#### **Scripture Questions | Read Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 27:3, Proverbs 25:28**

1. What words or phrases stick out in these verses?
2. In Proverbs 21:5, Solomon talks about “hasty shortcuts” - what do you think he means by that?
3. In Proverbs 27:3, we see the word resentment. What is resentment and why would resentment from a fool be looked at as being “heavy”?
4. Proverbs 25:28 is talking about having no self-control. Why is self-control something that scripture refers to so often? What is the importance of seeing self-control mentioned so frequently in Scripture? (hint: if Scripture repeats itself a lot, it means it is important!)

#### **Application Questions**

1. Referring to Proverbs 21:5, what are some “hasty shortcuts” you have taken in life before?
2. Can you share about a time when you put in a lot of planning and you saw fruitful and exciting outcomes? (i.e. studying for a big test, training for a sports competition, or saving for a new game or cool piece of clothing?)
3. Why do you think it is important to have a plan for your saving and spending habits?
4. Why do you think God cares about the topic of money so much?
5. How can you be in the driver’s seat of good financial stewardship? What are some ways that you can start planning for your future?

#### **Next Step**

Carefully consider some ways that you can start to become a more mature “driver” when it comes to your money. Ask God (and a trusted mentor, parent, or friend) to help keep you accountable! Click [here](#) to learn more about and apply a budget to your life.

#### **Prayer**

Ask that God will help you stay on track with your well thought out financial plan! Pray that He would guide your decisions and that He would give you the desire to honor Him in this area of your life.