



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Financial Freedom	SPEAKER	Elder David Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

We often define Financial Freedom as having more than enough to live comfortably without worry. In today's society, much emphasis is placed on achieving this goal—whether in retirement planning or achieving material wealth early in life. While these are important, Elder David reminded us that true Financial Freedom is rooted in a spiritual mindset, not just material wealth.

True Financial Freedom is not just about how much money we have—it's about how much money has of us. Many of us strive to achieve more, yet often find our hearts still weighed down by the concerns of money. Without surrender, contentment, and trust in God, the pursuit of wealth can hinder our walk with Him.

Inspired by Proverbs 30:8-9, Elder David challenged us to embrace a mindset that says, "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with the food allotted to me." This prayer points us to a deeper financial peace, transforming our relationship with money and God.

3 Core beliefs to achieve spiritual financial freedom

1. God is Our Provider

- Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
- God is our ultimate source, whether through promotion, opportunities, or relationships. Just as Agur acknowledged God's role in providing the right portion, we, too, must trust that He knows what is enough for us.
- Elder David shared about a mother balancing work and family, trusting God through trials to provide in His way. This reminds us that God's provision is not always immediate but faithful and perfect.

2. God is Our Reward

- Matthew 6:33: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Wealth can never satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. True satisfaction comes from knowing and walking with our Creator.

- Elder David urged us to move beyond a faith that only seeks salvation to one that finds full satisfaction in Christ. Like Paul in Philippians 3:8—who considered all else rubbish compared to knowing Christ—we are invited to treasure God above all else.

3. God's Good is Our Good

- Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- God's plans for us are always good, even when we don't understand them. Agur trusted God to determine his needs; we must also believe that His timing and provision are perfect and sufficient.
- Elder David shared his personal experience of trusting God after an unexpected career setback, reassured by Jeremiah 29:11. Even in disappointment, he saw God's greater purposes unfold over time.

CONCLUSION

Elder David's message calls us to redefine Financial Freedom. True freedom comes not from material wealth, but from trusting in God's provision, delighting in Him as our ultimate reward, and believing in His good plans for our lives.

Proverbs 30:8-9 encapsulates this transformative mindset:

"Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food allotted to me, Lest I be full and deny You and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God."

As we reflect on this message, let us ask: *Where is our faith?* Is it rooted in material security, or in a deeper dependence on God? May we, like Agur, pray for neither extreme but trust in the sufficiency of God's portion for us.

QUESTIONS

1. What does financial freedom mean to you? How have you experienced this message's definition of financial freedom in your life?

2. Which of the 3 core beliefs do you resonate or struggle with the most? Why?

3. How is God challenging you today to give of your resources? Who is someone you can meaningfully bless with what God has provided for you?