

# GROWTHguide

Starting November 9, 2014  
"Refuel: Balance"



## Day 1: Read Matthew 6:32-33

This week we will be taking the time to pray and be still before God, allowing Him to speak to our hearts about balancing our lives. Pray over the scripture and let God lead you to be a seeker of his kingdom first, before the things of this world like money or possessions. Pray about how you are organizing your life and ask God to show you how to balance it.

## Day 2: Read Matthew 6:19-20 and 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Pray over the scripture and ask God to help you live into the Word. We're told to store up treasures in heaven, not treasures on earth that can be destroyed or stolen. Pray and ask God to reveal if you are storing treasures in heaven or on earth. Worship God today by giving back to Him and the ministries He works through in the local church.

## Day 3: Read Malachi 3:8-12

Malachi says that we are cheating God when we do not give our offerings back to Him, and he tells us to test God in His promise that if we bring our tithes into the storehouse He will, "open the windows of heaven for you" and will "pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in!" Pray over the scripture and live into it.

## Day 4: Read Matthew 25:14-30

Pray over the scripture and ask God to show you if you are being a good steward of the things He has given you. God has entrusted us with His money and we are therefore responsible for using it wisely. Let us not be like the third servant who was too scared to let anything happen to his master's money, so he hid it away. Pray about being like the first two servants, who put the goal of their master's gain first.

## Day 5: Read John 3:16 and John 10:10

God loves us so much, as He proved when He sent His one and only Son to die for us, that He doesn't want us to experience spiritual emptiness. Part of living a spiritually fulfilling and purposeful life is living into God's commands, one of which is to give back to Him the gifts He has given you. Three gifts He has given are your time, your talents, and your finances. Pray over the scripture and ask God to help you balance your time, to use your talents for Him, and that He would give you wisdom to balance your finances. Ask God to help you trust in Him by giving first, then saving, and then living.

## Day 6: Read Jeremiah 29:11 and Philippians 4:19

God has promised and demonstrated that He takes care of us and our needs. As He did with the Hebrew children, we know that He will supply everything we need too. Give your finances over to God, asking Him to help you become a conscious consumer, to simplify your life (if needed), and to get out and stay out of debt. Ask God to show you how you can give and save more. Pray over the scripture and ask God: "Lord, help me do whatever it takes to get to the place where I can give first, save second, and live on the rest."

## Day 7

Today is your "Sabbath" and a time for reflection. How has God been speaking to you over the week? Use what the Lord has said to you to remold and reshape your life. If you are having trouble hearing God's voice, slow down or even stop what you are doing so that the busyness of life's demands do not squelch the whispers of God's language of love upon your heart.