MY JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

FINISH WELL

TRUE FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Experience true financial freedom as you allow God to fully and completely use your time, talent and resources to fulfill His purposes for your life.

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
Matthew 25:23 NIV

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6 INVEST WISELY:

- ☐ Buy affordable home
- ☐ Begin prepaying home mortgage
- ☐ Diversify investments
- ☐ Increase giving to the Lord's work

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Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.
Ecclesiastes 11:2 NIV

7 LEAVE A LEGACY:

- ☐ Evaluate your Kingdom impact for the next generation
- ☐ Pay off home mortgage
- ☐ Finalize children's education fund
- ☐ Confirm estate plan is in order
- ☐ Re-evaluate investments
- ☐ Maximize generosity

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You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.
John 8:32 NASB

5 SAVE FOR THE FUTURE:

- ☐ Continue saving for major purchases and retirement
- ☐ Continue saving up to 12 months of living expenses
- ☐ Create education/college funds for each child
- ☐ Increase giving to the Lord's work

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Steady plodding brings prosperity.
Proverbs 21:5 TLB

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3 PAY OFF ANY OTHER CONSUMER DEBT:

- ☐ Pay off all consumer debt (auto, furniture, student loans, etc.)
- ☐ Increase savings to 3 months' living expenses
- ☐ Increase giving to the Lord's work

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Keep out of debt and owe no man anything.
Proverbs 22:7 NIV

2 PAY OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT:

- ☐ Pay off credit cards (Use the Debt Snowball Calculator at Crown.org)
- ☐ Increase savings to one month's living expenses
- ☐ Increase giving to the Lord through your time, talents, and money
- ☐ Look for creative ways to increase your income

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The borrower is servant to the lender.
Proverbs 22:7 NIV

4 ADJUST YOUR PLAN:

- ☐ Adjust your spending plan accordingly
- ☐ Start saving for major purchases
- ☐ Start saving for retirement (find helpful tips at Crown.org)
- ☐ Increase savings to 6 months' living expenses
- ☐ Retake your MLI assessment and revisit your goals

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"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."
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

1 BUILD EMERGENCY SAVINGS:

- ☐ Track spending and create your spending plan (find tools to help you at Crown.org)
- ☐ Save $1000 for emergencies
- ☐ Start giving regularly to the Lord

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The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. Proverbs 21:20 TLB

BEGIN

PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY

START HERE

- ☐ Review the Welcome Section on the back of the map.
- ☐ Read the prayer on the back or say your own and prepare your heart.
- ☐ Complete the **"My Life Purpose"** and **"My Goals"** sections on the back.
- ☐ Take the **MoneyLife® Indicator** assessment at mli.crown.org to understand how your beliefs and behaviors relate to money.
- ☐ Make a plan for how you will celebrate when you complete each destination!
- ☐ Start giving to the work of the Lord. Giving should be a major part of our lifestyle. Look for ways to be generous with your time, talents, and money.

LIKE ANY JOURNEY, SOMETIMES YOU'LL TAKE TWO STEPS FORWARD AND ONE BACK. DON'T BE DISCOURAGED! JUST JUMP BACK ON THE PATH WHEREVER YOU ARE.

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WELCOME

HERE'S HOW THE CROWN MONEY MAP WORKS:

Although the destinations progress in order, you may find that you've already completed parts of several destinations.

Review every destination and check off what you've already accomplished. Then, start with the first destination you've not yet finished. For example, if you haven't saved $1000 for emergencies, you'll start at Destination 1.

You'll discover that the Crown Money Map will work best when you keep it in a visible place as a daily reminder.

ARE WE THERE YET?

There may be seasons when you wonder if you will ever make it to the next destination, much less the final destination. The faith declaration below is like the water needed to hydrate a weary hiker. It will equip you with foundational principles and encouraging scriptures to keep you going. During especially challenging seasons, you may decide to declare these truths aloud each morning as a reminder of God's sovereignty, faithfulness, and love for you.

1. **God owns it all.**
   Psalm 24:1

2. **God's way is always better than my way, so I give Him control.**
   1 Chronicles 29:11

3. **I am content with what God has provided.**
   Philippians 4:11b-13

4. **I am God's wise manager.**
   Matthew 25:21

5. **I am free to fulfill God's plans for my life and advance His kingdom.**
   Exodus 9:16

CELEBRATE!

Don't forget to celebrate when you complete a destination. You've made progress! At every step of the way you'll enjoy greater financial freedom. Take time to thank the Lord for His help.

Start thinking now about how you will celebrate when you complete each destination and record your plans below.

How I will celebrate completing the destinations:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.
6. _____.
7. _____.

MY LIFE PURPOSE

Your life purpose is similar to the nutrition in your backpack. It should help you succeed in reaching your destination of True Financial Freedom. Prayerfully consider what matters most to you in your relationship with God, your family, and your friends. Then, answer the questions below to help you stay the course when the journey gets challenging!

Identify the unique gifts, talents, and interests God has given you:

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_____.

Based on your passions and interests, what do you think God's purpose for your life is?

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_____.

What Bible verse/passage will inspire you to stay true to your life purpose?

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MY GOALS

Although many people set goals at the beginning of the year, some of us need extra motivation to put them down on paper. Think about specific goals that will help you achieve your Life Purpose.

Write your goals below and what it will take to accomplish them. Review regularly and check them off when you reach them. Then ask God to show you the next set of goals, so you can continue making progress in the right direction.

Service/Ministry _____

Giving _____

Health _____

Family/Friends _____

Children _____

Career/Skills _____

Debt Reduction _____

Savings _____

Spending _____

Investing _____

A NOTE FROM CHUCK

I want to encourage you to stay connected with Crown. Visit us online at Crown.org for free online tools and resources to help you on your journey. Also, be sure to keep a personal journal of your progress. We are here to encourage you every step of the way!

God is faithful,

Chuck Bentley
Crown Financial Ministries, CEO
1 Corinthians 1:9

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

Dear Lord,

I thank you for the person holding this Money Map and I ask you to walk beside them as they embark on the journey ahead. You are the provider of everything we need and more, so I ask you to equip them with strength, determination, discipline, wisdom and hope. I pray that as they progress from step to step, you'll not only lead them into greater financial freedom, but into a more intimate relationship with you. God, I pray they will come to know life to the full (John 10:10) as they set out to fulfill the plans you've established for them.

Thank you for your faithfulness, Lord! Amen.

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