

## 6.4 My Story

1. Write down your personal testimony of your own experience of the Budget Coach Course.

### **My Answer:**

I came to Crown.org to invest into a biblical understanding that I would say I severely lacked in regard to biblical finances and proper biblical stewardship. After taking the Money Life Indicator, I found that I definitely had weaknesses of biblical understanding of money. I'm currently in lesson 6 of 7 and I must say what a huge blessing all the courses have been to my life. When I was assigned to a money coach (Ivan), he was very encouraging and kept me on task as well kept me on point, Thank you Ivan. I must share also when asked by members of my church, pastors, and even my fiancé, they all notice a big difference in my understanding and see the excitement that I have for the future. I now have savings and have set up taking care of my debt, what a relief!!! Thank you, Crown!!!

2. What was the most significant lesson you learned?

### **My Answer:**

All the lessons were significant!!! But since I was asked which was the most significant, I would have to say the one that most comes to mind is lesson #2 (God's Part/Our Part). This lesson has convicted me to almost no end. It opened my eyes and still does to this day of having a very different understanding that "The Lord, God is the owner of all that I have (Possessions and my children) including myself, He is also sovereign (authority and control) over all things. For I have nothing that I did not receive from the Lord, God." My coach shared feedback, that I absolutely came to a much deeper conviction that "He (God) is owner, and we (I) are stewards - but He knows what is best for us - one passage (Proverbs 30:8-9) shares the story of a man that request that God doesn't give him too little so he would be tempted to steal and profane the name of my God - nor give him too much so his heart would never grow cold and away from God." That is a reality that I'm solely dependent on God to provide and help me to be a much better steward over all he's provided! Changing bad roots to good roots so that no more worldly (Me tree) fruit to good (He tree, God's) fruit! Transformation only the word of God can do!

3. What was a significant financial change that occurred during the course?

### **My Answer:**

How to pursue a balanced budget, how to have a budget. How to be a much better steward of the finances our God has provided me. I'm still a man in works of learning to be more proficient at it. I'll keep plugging along because I'm looking forward to hearing our God say to me: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:23 ESV)

4. If the course impacted you spiritually, please describe it briefly.

### **My Answer:**

This question makes me pause because I'm experiencing deep encouragement and a deeper abiding in him (God) and at almost the same time a deep conviction of how I've deeply sinned in my stewardship of the finances he's provided me. As I think about my experience, I believe I'll always have a deeper sense of what a believer goes through as he/she matures for the Lord as you learn bible verses that I must admit I didn't see in regard to biblical finances. One moment you feel and sense of a deeper relationship with him (God) and at

almost the same time you have a deeper sense that he died because of my sin in my very poor stewardship of what he provided to me. It's a part of the battle and conflict a believer has to get used to, if you're able. It's part of the paradox you learn to live with. So yes, I'm experiencing deeper spiritual implications of the truths learned and will continue to learn in these courses and as I grow to a much deeper dependency/relationship with God overall in my life!!!

5. We would love to hear your story. Do we have your permission to share your story with others? Please indicate Yes or No.

**My Answer:**

Yes.