

DISCIPLING FAITHFUL STEWARDS

News from Crown Budget Coaching

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BUDGET COACH UPDATE

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Budget Coach Numbers

Budget coach clients growth

- Aug 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 -15 clients
- Aug 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021 98 clients
- Aug 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 265 Clients
- Aug 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022 119 Clients (6 months)

Budget Coaches Trained

- Aug 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 - 16 Coaches
- Aug 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021 - 61 Coaches
- Aug 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022 - 50 Coaches
- Aug 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022 - 23 Coaches

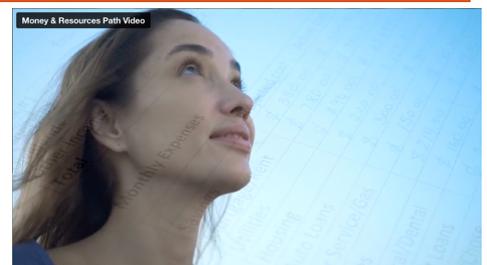
We trained our first International Budget Coaches

2 Jakarta Indonesia; 1 Dominican Republic; 1 Costa Rica;
1 Venezuela; 1 Korea; 1 Albania

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Crown Budget Coach Leadership Team (CBCLT)

The Crown Budget Coach Leadership Team (CBCLT) is comprised of a faithful team of volunteers. Each member is experienced and equipped to serve on the Leadership Team. Everyone is trained in biblically-based finances with a deep understanding of stewardship. Each team member is trained as a Crown Budget Coach, as well as a CBC Trainer of Coaches, and oversees a Team of Coaches.



Alet Strydom

Alet is happily married to Jan for 40 yrs (and counting) and is the mother of a wonderful daughter & son-in-law (Adonike & Hylton). She is a grandmother of 2 amazing granddaughters and 1 grandson. Born in South Africa, she is currently living and working in Wadsworth, Ohio. Alet has a background in teaching in High School for 19 years, with degrees in Science and Education. She is actively involved in a full-time capacity with Crown Financial Ministries and has been for the last 20 years. She served in Africa in the Crown Continental office before serving the Crown US office from June 2011. Currently she is serving as [Director Assessments & Coaching](#).

Alet has been involved in growing and equipping leaders most of her life. Her lifelong passion is to help design and maintain ministry platforms that will enable people to discover their God-given design and understand their purpose. Then they can live a significant life by making wise life and financial choices. Her dream is to leave a legacy of well-equipped and resourced leaders around the globe in multiple nations that will lead people to become faithful stewards with their life and possessions.

Crown Employee of the Year Award - December 2022 - Crown Executive Leadership Team

When you think of an employee that put his/her heart into all that they do, this employee's name comes to mind. Working on solutions for partners, customers, clients and volunteers is what this person does, and not just in normal working hours, but around the clock. Serving people on every continent, this person maintains current relationships, builds new relationships, improves current projects and products and is very involved in the creation of new products. Hard work and solutions are part of what she does. It gives me great pleasure in congratulating this year's employee of the year (Crown ELT), she is not just dedicated and innovative, but also very sensitive to the needs of fellow employees as well as the people she works with. In last year's very tough and challenging economy, she worked relentlessly to maintain the delivery of services globally to an audience that faced hardships on all fronts. Her never-quit attitude has proved to be inspirational to the people she works with, even those that found themselves in the midst of war in the Ukraine. She is an example of someone that will walk the extra 500 miles to serve people.



Marilyn Butler

Marilyn lives in Houston Texas with her husband of 55 years, David. They have five adult children married, with children of their own, and all living close. They have the incredible blessing of worshipping together and building into the lives of their 16 grandchildren.

Trained as a Christian Financial Teacher and Counselor in 1987 through the ministry of Larry Burkett, she has served in three churches counseling, teaching, and leading a Financial Stewardship Ministry Team. She and David have each been given the opportunity to touch the lives of many through biblical stewardship teaching both in the classroom and through speaking at seminars.

Marilyn is a retired Higher Education professional having taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and served as a director of assessment and accreditation at a mid-sized public university. Through God's equipping, she currently serves Crown as a member of the US Outreach Team, Co-Director of the Houston Crown Stewardship Center, and a Career Direct Consultant.

Marilyn and David invest their lives in others with the hope of establishing a legacy for current and future generations of God's promise, provision, and protection for His Family.

Crown Budget Coach Leadership Team

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Sue Derr

Sue and her husband of 40 years, Gary, reside in Mount Airy, MD, where they raised and home-schooled their 7 children. They became volunteer coaches through Christian Financial Concepts in 1988. Since then, Sue has served in many capacities with Crown. In addition to coaching, she works as a Career Direct Consultant, Consultant Trainer, Network Leader and Organization Sales Consultant. She is an administrative assistant to Alet Strydom. Sue has a bachelor's in education and a master's in counseling, which she uses in both her personal life and in ministry. She assists her husband in teaching and leading small groups and serves her church and community through teaching, training, and practical service. Their desire is to leave a legacy of faith and generosity that their children, their spouses, grandchildren and others follow.



Priscilla Douglas

Priscilla lives in North Carolina where she is an assistant to Alet Strydom as an administrator. Also, she is a worship Leader in her home church and actively involved in community associations. As a retired Marketing Manager, Priscilla gives back from her years of experience, living intentionally for Christ. As a witness within her family and the Christian community, she desires to establish a legacy of investing in others both biblically and practically.



Richard Miller

Richard has served Crown since 1995, leading financial ministries in six different churches as he and his family were moved around the world as an engineer for Chevron. He retired in 2020 to be more fully devoted to ministry. He has led Crown small group studies and seminars. He currently lives with his wife and two daughters in the Houston, Texas area.



Randy Rowekamp

Randy has served Crown Financial Ministries for the past 16 years. During this time he has served as a Budget Coach, Area Director, MoneyLife Indicator Consulting Trainer, a Career Direct Consultant, and a member of the US Outreach Team. At his local church, Randy is the Church Coordinator for Finance and Business Connect Groups. Randy and his wife collect and deliver food to their church food bank in a mid-eastern residential community where they live. Randy is retired from a career in Information Technology. He and his wife of 51 years have five children and eight grandchildren. They hope to instill a legacy of faithful stewards.



Ross Hodgess

Ross has served Crown Financial Ministries since 1990 as a Christian Financial Referral Counselor. Continuing to serve others following his retirement in 2021 as a Chemical Engineer, Ross trained to become a Crown Budget Coach (CBC). Additionally, He is a Deacon in his local church and a Sunday Bible Study Class Teacher. Living in the Houston Metropolitan Area, Ross and his wife, Mary, recently celebrated 42 years of marriage. They have five adult children married and raising their 12 grandchildren. "Our desire is to leave a legacy of Biblical Stewardship of our time, talents, and finances to our family and friends."

TESTIMONY FROM A COACHING CLIENT

News from Crown Budget Coaching

HR - Testimony

"I am so grateful for the Budget Coach course and, particularly for my Coach - Pricilla, who patiently guided me through some of the basics of financial principles. What I am most grateful for is that my coach was very careful to listen well and sought to understand the very unique situation I found myself in, and the plethora of cultural differences and challenges that my situation presents.

Prior to starting the Budget Coaching course, I did not have a job (still do not!) and was in a period of extended uncertainty (I still am!). However, as I started to work through the course I saw how miraculously and faithfully and GENEROUSLY God began to provide for my needs despite the uncertainty and lack of a stable job etc.

When we apply godly, Biblical principles to our daily lives and finances, we end up with a mighty testimony to all who watch our lives. May God and His name be praised and glorified now and forever! My personal testimony to God's glory is that during this season of uncertainty, waiting and want, I decided to abandon myself to the Lord's care. I took Matt 6: 25-34 literally and made a decision not to worry about my life, what I will eat and what I will wear... the promise is that our Heavenly Father feeds the birds and we are much more valuable than they.

Out of the blue, a landlady from my past (more than 5 years ago) reached out to me unexpectedly by email and shared that the Lord had laid it upon her heart to return to me a portion of all the rent I had paid her. She had calculated that I had paid her \$20,000 and so she was going to send me back \$10,000!!!!!! This just blew my mind. She did not owe me anything. No landlord returns rent! This was truly the Lord and she was so insistent that I receive the money and allow the Lord to bless us both.

This amount not only paid for some of my immediate dental and medical needs, but also it is on reserve to pay for my flight ticket to the US where a job awaits me and, maybe even to put down deposit on a rental place.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving and honor and praise be to our God forever and ever! This course has lifted up my faith and trust-muscles on wings like eagles.

Although I had utterly and recklessly abandoned myself to the Lord's care with regards to my basic needs (food, clothing and shelter), it feels like I was swooped up by the Lord and carried on His loving, protective wings to the very heights from which I can marvel and gleefully rejoice that I have a Father who loves and cares for me. I feel like a little child that is then set free to simply BE, without the cares and burdens of how, when and from where my help would come from. Like the Psalmist I can also say "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence my help comes. My Help comes from the Lord who has made the heavens and earth" (Ps 121).

TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART

Article by Marilyn Butler



Heart Change

So above all, guard the affections of your heart. (The Hebrew word levav is the most common word for “heart.” It includes our thoughts, our wills, our discernment, and our affections for they affect all that you are.) Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life. (Although most translations have “the issues of life,” the Hebrew word yasa is actually “seasons,” especially springtime.) Out of your heart flow the seasons of life. (It is our hearts, not our ages or circumstances, that shape the seasons of our lives. If our hearts are tender to God, we can live in perpetual springtime of life.) Proverbs 4:23 TPT

The authority of God’s Word is the foundation for Crown Budget Coaching. His Word deepens understanding, brings joy to the heart, and revives the soul. The condition of the heart is reflected in a person’s actions, revealing brokenness. The heart is the source of desire, thought, and action. Through faith in The Word, the heart is transformed to be more Christ-like, making permanent change possible, and in doing so, glorifying Him. These timeless principles, found in the Bible, are food for the soul, affirming the centrality of God. Not only are we concerned about financial principles, but also the transformative benefit of the heart and soul when a person depends on God rather than self, enabling lasting change.

Change Process

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. Psalm 19: 7-8.

In biblically-based coaching, we implement a God-centered change process by reinforcing the character of God. As “change agents for Christ,” we ACT, employing the following process with our clients:

- **Accept – Identify the problem, guiding the client to accept it and turn to God for solutions.**
- **Commit – Encourage client accountability to accomplish the process, establishing trust.**
- **Trust – Model and reinforce dependence on God and the power of prayer, building hope.**

Through the change process, one acknowledges that all we have comes from God.

“Stewardship is not ordering your finances in a way that you can spend whatever you want. It is ordering your life in such a way that God can spend you however He wants.” (Chuck Bentley, CEO of Crown Ministries)

Stewardship

God owns the earth and everything in it, including each person. He entrusts us as stewards of His creation. As stewards, we are not owners but managers. As a budget coach, you work with people to be good stewards of their resources. This is accomplished by developing a spending plan and a debt elimination strategy with the objective of financial freedom, allowing God to fully and completely use your time, talent, and resources to fulfill His purposes for your life. With financial freedom, a person has the hope of achieving the goal of faithful stewardship. To achieve this, change is required. The commitment to lasting change requires more than determination, it requires a heart change.



ACCREDITATION OF THE CROWN BUDGET COACH TRAINING PROGRAM

Article by Marilyn Butler

ACCREDITATION

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

The Crown Budget Coaching (CBC) Training Program received notice of approval of accreditation by the International Coaching Federation (ICF) April 13, 2022. This is a noteworthy accomplishment. Accreditation requires meeting the high standards established by the organization and the coaching industry, establishing a measure of excellence. Attaining this designation sets us apart as an accredited financial coaching training program. As an accredited program, the CBC Training Program earns a person the right to receive Continuing Coach Education credit, 30 credits from the Core Competencies and 10 credits from Resource Development.

ICF is the premier coaching organization, globally, dedicated to a standards-based program and the advancement of the coaching profession. Additionally, ICF provides certification and a network of highly-trained professional coaches. ICF's services include establishing a professional code of ethics and standards, providing continuous education, networking opportunities in local chapters, hosting conferences and providing accreditation for coach-specific training programs, and administering an internationally recognized credentialing program (Retrieved from the Internet: <https://coachingfederation.org/about>, 11/15/2022).

Thank you for serving as Crown Coaches.
Your work is for the Lord as you care for His people..



Budget Coach Website

We are happy to announce that we have received the official "go ahead" from Crown build a website made purposefully for all our Budget Coach activities. Thank you to all Budget Coaches who contributed financially to make this possible. This is a HUGE accomplishment and will bring significant changes in the way we serve our clients and how we function. Development will start on 1 February 2023. We will keep you updated as we make progress. Please be in prayer and ask the Father for favor and wisdom.

Some of the features that can be expected are:

- A Personal Profile page for each Budget coach with a personalized appointment calendar
- The ability for each coach to see and monitor all the clients' progress
- Personalized communication between Coach and client

Save the Date for Spring All-Coach Training

Our next date for Coach Training is [April 27, 2023, 7pm EST](#)- PLEASE SAVE this DATE. You will receive an invitation with the Zoom invitation details.

Register for Crown Reunion - <https://www.crown.org/reunion2023/>



BUDGET COACHES TRAINED JUNE - DECEMBER 2022

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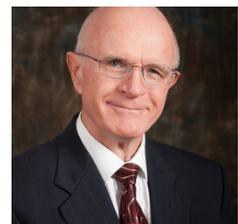
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CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO ALL !