

### **Taking it Home:**

- The goal of our Momentum initiative is to give purposeful attention to how we relate to our personal finances as followers of Jesus. Of these six commitments, which are easier or harder for you?
  - Acknowledge daily that 100% of my resources belong to God (Psalm 24:1)
  - Assign every dollar a name – to spend it on paper and on purpose first (Luke 14:28)
  - Eliminate all debt and live debt-free (Proverbs 22:7)
  - Train my children to hand money God’s way (Proverbs 22:6)
  - Save and invest (Ecclesiastes 11:2)
  - Give a tithe (Malachi 3:10)
- What can you do this week to celebrate commitments you’ve made to God?
- When you find one of these commitments to be difficult, pray for God’s wisdom. When we commit our ways to the Lord by trusting Him we find great joy knowing we are serving at His direction.

### **Resources for Growing:**

Radical by David Platt

Let the Nations be Glad by John Piper

Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew’s sermon points, visit [pastormatthew.net](http://pastormatthew.net) and click on the “Write This Down” tab.

Momentum  
Our Financial Peace Declaration  
Proverbs 16:3

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## **The Church is Gaining Momentum**

Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, Growth Group homework, and a podcast of sermons with homework, visit [www.bethelfc.com](http://www.bethelfc.com).

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of December 12, 2010

Proverbs 16:3

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**Quick Review:** When Solomon was given the opportunity to have anything he wanted from the Lord, he prayed for wisdom (1 Kings 3). We see in James 1:5 that God loves to answer our prayers for wisdom when we approach Him with expectation that He will answer. Several times in Proverbs we read that the wisest thing we can do is trust the Lord and commit our ways to Him; finding delight in knowing God provides direction when we pray.

## My Story

- Share with your group a time when you made a significant commitment and finished what you started. What was that experience like for you?
  
- When was a time that it was hard for you to make a significant commitment? What held you back?

## Growing Deeper

- Read Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:3; Psalm 37:3-5. What similarities do you see in these passages? What do these verses teach about commitment, success, and wisdom?
  
- In your realm of influence, where have you seen, “the borrower becomes the lender’s slave?” (Proverbs 22:7)
  
- Read Matthew 6 and reflect on Jesus’ words noting especially verses 4, 24 and 34. Psalm 24:1 says, “the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.” If everything is owned by God, why would God want us to give to Him?
  
- Consider Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8; Psalm 51:16-17; Romans 12:1-2. In your own words, what does God want most from you? How do these passages correlate with Matthew 6?