

CAN Financial Institute

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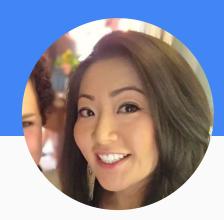


Introduction: Who are we?



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Intro: Goals of the Financial Institute

- Expose our assumptions, myths and questions about finances & generosity
- Clarify the financial logic of empire, its history, means and ends
- Psychology of debt vs. spirit of generosity
- Community and kinship central to true financial freedom
- Define Christian Financial Stewardship as radical activism
- Identify places of growth and learning
- Provide helpful resources and tools towards financial freedom and faithfulness

Exposing assumptions...

American Dream Says...

- Financial matters are private
- Radical Individualism Have enough wealth to not depend on others
- Inheritance by family and "fairness"
- Debt determines credit-worthiness
- Ownership is happiness (consumerism)
- Charity is good, but only out of excess
- "Bootstrap" attitude towards financial savviness

Truly, truly we say unto you...

- Help is available within community
- Radical community practicing interdependence will lead to communal financial freedom
- Kinship and expansion of "family"
- Character and responsibility determines credit-worthiness
- Joy of sharing (community)
- Spirit of generosity is more important than quantity of giving/receiving
- Gratitude of receiving generosity as driving force - leads to generosity towards others

What's wrong with the American Dream?

- It's not extended to everyone (racism and classism)
- In fact, it's based on exploitation
- Uncontrolled consumerism and "needs"
- Radical Individualism

Putting it out on the table:

Why are you here?

Take a few minutes to fill out the Index Cards (can by anonymous)

Tell us why you are interested in this series: questions, assumptions, particular struggles with finances, fears, hesitations, and what you would like to learn.

Putting it out on the table:

Group Reflection

Series Overview

Roadmap: What to Expect In the Series

