

A Movement for Financial Empowerment

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# **12 Steps to Financial Freedom**

## **Level IV—Give Back**

### **WEEK 11—STEP 11** **Ignite dfree® Living**

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## Step 11: Ignite dfree® Living

The goal of this session is to learn how to assist others in their journey toward financial freedom. We've discovered that this is best achieved by:

- Kingdom Living: Learning to live out of the “Abundance of God”.
- Greatest Evangelistic Opportunity—Raising a new generation of righteousness.

### Discussion Points:

The Power of Good News/Page 163—A threat to injustice, unfairness and ignorance.

Sevenfold Success/Page 165—The seven factors that ensure success.



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## AlRight TV: “dfree® to be Free”



### IGNITE DFREE LIVING Episode 11

Source: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXvJYf-5zj4>

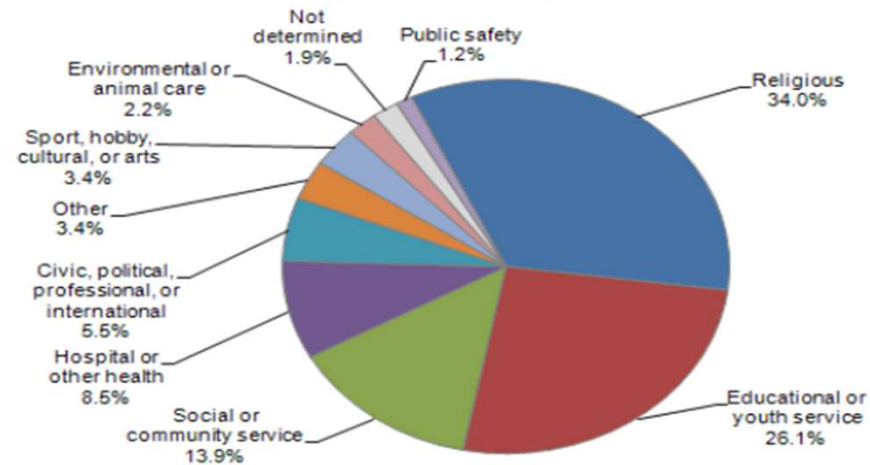
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## Statistically Speaking:

About 63.4 million Americans, or 26.3 percent of the adult population, gave 8.1 billion hours of volunteer service worth \$173 billion in 2010 (Corporation for National and Community Service).

- Regardless of fluctuations in the American Economy, those already engaged in volunteerism remain committed in supporting their services of choice.
- Huge need for Financial Literacy in minority communities.

**Volunteers by type of main organization for which volunteer activities were performed, September 2009**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Source: <http://rogerevansonline.com/2010/02/>

What are you planning to do to Ignite dfree® Living in your family, church, and community?



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## Learning Topics

- I. Life Situation
  - Claude & Grace—New Beginnings
- II. Uncovering the Chains
  - Preparing for suddenly
- III. Beginning to Break and Eliminate the Financial Chains
  - Music and video business
- IV. Victory Story: Thom New way of life!
- V. Commitments and Assignment
  - Building my own dfree group.
  - Billion Dollar Challenge
- VI. Home Assignments
  - Read Chapter 12: Impact the Culture

### SAY YES TO NO DEBT

#### **dfree® Lifestyle** LEVEL FOUR – GIVE BACK STEP ELEVEN – IGNITE dfree® LIVING

*Opening prayer: "Dear God, I still have so many plans, dreams, and goals. Help me remember that I can be a blessing to others, even while I am working on myself. Amen."*

*Response: Each one teach one.*

**LIFE SITUATION – READ AND ANSWER THE QUESTION(S) BELOW:** New Beginnings

Claude and Grace could not believe it! Not Joshua! How could he? Maybe Jacob, DJ, or Taylor could possibly have done this, but not Joshua. Well, it was done, and everyone had to deal with it and move on in ways that would be best for all involved. Is there anything you can learn from Joshua?

#### II. UNCOVERING THE CHAINS

Our session today is about giving back to others. The goal of this session is to assist others in their journey toward financial freedom.

**Memory Verse:** "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free" (Luke 4:18 NIV).

Reflect and share with someone why you think Jesus said this. Are His words true in your life today? How?

#### A FINANCIAL STRONGHOLD MESSAGE FROM DR. SOARIES:

Start a movement! In our memory verse, Jesus launches His ministry by using the words of Isaiah to describe His mission: good news for the poor, freedom for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. As the body of Christ, the Church has the same calling and mission. Every Christian who shares in this mission will contribute to a movement that improves life for others.

Movements are started by ordinary people. People like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. possess unusual gifts that cause them to stand out from the crowd. Dr. King's ability to speak was unique. But

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## dfree® Strategic Financial Growth Planner

SAY YES TO NO DEBT: Strategic Financial Growth Plan

Name: **Claude and Grace Smith** Date Started: **2/20/16** Debt Free Date: **2/20/19**

Personal Mission Statement:  
**To use our gifts and expertise to empower others to achieve Financial Freedom and retire in Florida**

Financial Position: **\$30K in debt and own a home** GAP: **-\$965,000.00** Financial Goal: **\$935,000.00**

WHAT? GROWTH GOAL	HOW? ACTION STEPS	BY WHEN? SPECIFIC DATES	BY WHOM? RESPONSIBILITY	MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS	IMPACT
Level I: GET STARTED	1. Admit the Problem <b>Deficit—My expenses exceeds my income</b>				
	2. Address the Mess <b>Confused Spending—Squandering Resources</b>				
	3. Adjust the Attitude <b>Inventory of Expenditures—Eliminate everything that doesn't align with our long-term goals.</b>				
Level II: GET CONTROL	4. Start the Plan <b>Spending Plan vs. Budget—Be more proactive, intentional and aggressive about our Financial Wellness.</b>				
	5. Steer the Power <b>Make Power Payments—Sacrifice today's fleeting pleasures, focus on necessities to gain future security!</b>				
	6. Set the Timer <b>Rule of 72—Leverage financial formulas and interest rates to double savings and investments.</b>				
Level III: GET AHEAD	7. Maximize the Margin <b>Honor System—Get an Accountability Buddy, join an Investment Club and hire a Financial Consultant.</b>				
	8. Minimize the Stress <b>Planning Wills/Estate—Write my Will and purchase more insurance if I need it.</b>				
	9. Maintain the Focus <b>dfree® Sundays—Share my testimony in Church this Sunday to inspire others to become dfree®.</b>				
Level IV: GIVE BACK	10. Invest in Others <b>Mindful Stewardship—Catch up on my Tithes and Offerings. Help my parents more.</b>				
	11. Ignite dfree® Living <b>Greatest Evangelistic Opportunity—Invite non-believers to dfree® Lifestyles workshops.</b>				
	12. Impact the Culture				

TRAINER FEEDBACK (include date)



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## Next Steps:

To help you reinforce the lessons you've learned today and prepare for next week's dfree® Lifestyle Campaign session, we ask that you complete the following task prior to attending Step 12: Impact the Community:

- Read: Chapter 12 Impact the Community in *Say Yes To No Debt* book Pages 173—181
- Watch: **Time to Tell Ourselves the Truth**  
(Source: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcqPyuNdOBY>)
- Finish: V Commitments & Assignments 1—7 in DFL workbook Pages 87-88
- Complete: VI Home Assignment in DFL workbook Page 88
- Attend: Next week's session **11/29/17 @ 7:00**
- Prepare for the next phase of your Journey to Financial Freedom with ***Meditations for dfree® Living***, a 30-Day devotional/journal!!

