

BREAKING FREE

Ryland Walter | January 15-16, 2022

Week 3: Financial Strongholds

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¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

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Money Lies

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Breaking The Spirit of Mammon

1. Return _____

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