

# FAITH vs FINANCE



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## Chapters 1 & 2: Skipping Stones & Living the Half-Life\*

## Discussion Sheet

**Scriptural Foundation:** "I took a good look at everything I'd done, looked at all the sweat and hard work. But when I looked, I saw nothing but smoke. Smoke and spitting into the wind. There was nothing to any of it. Nothing." *Ecclesiastes 2:11 (The Message)*

**God's Instructions:** Isaiah 55:2a; Ecclesiastes 4:4, 5:10, 5:18-20, 12:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31

1. What worldly activities, goals or acquisitions keep/kept you 'skipping across the pond' of your aesthetic years?  
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2. How does a Christ-follower find a balance between self-centered actions and others-centered actions? Should there even be a balance?  
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3. If you are now a follower of Christ, what caused you to turn away from your pond skipping and move towards Jesus instead?  
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4. Are there still some self-focused skips in your life that you want God to help you remove? If you feel comfortable please share them with the group.  
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5. Is hitting rock bottom spiritually, or financially, the only way for an affluent person to realize their need of God?  
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6. Have you identified what God really wants you to do with your life, your next year, or next five years?  
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7. To Do List: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* To be completed after reading Chapters 1 & 2 of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.

### Free Resources:



**VIDEO CLIP:** *Skipping Stones* - filmed on site in Copenhagen, Denmark.  
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*"When a person prospers, either God gains a partner or the person loses their soul."*