



(Metropolitan Washington, DC)
11315 Neelsville Church Rd.
Germantown, MD 20876

Retreat Specifics:

Dates - October 28-30, 2005. Registration will begin at 3:00 PM Friday with dinner at 5:30 PM and will close with lunch on Sunday.

Location - Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC. (Closest airport is Greensboro, NC.) Directions to the Center will be provided upon registration.

Accommodations - Accommodations will be in double occupancy rooms, linens provided.

Cost - The total cost for each participant for the retreat is \$265 - which includes the registration, retreat leadership, program materials and refreshments, housing and six meals. Partial scholarship assistance may be available.

To Register - Mail the attached registration form along with your deposit of \$130 per person. If needed, please request scholarship assistance on the registration form. Upon receipt of your registration, we will send additional information which is essential in preparing for the retreat, including guidelines for writing a money autobiography.

Retreat Leadership - The leadership for this event will be provided by MoM staff, members of the Board of Directors, and others who have a long relationship with Ministry of Money. Local leadership is drawn from those who have attended prior Ministry of Money retreats.

Please join us for this potentially life-changing event!

Registration

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Money & Faith Retreat • Asheboro, NC

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ in full payment for _____ reservation(s) at \$265 each or a deposit for _____ persons at \$130 each.

I request scholarship assistance in the amount of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to **Ministry of Money** and return with this registration form no later than October 5, 2005.

Please complete registration form and return with check to:

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and

The Servant Leadership School
of Greensboro, NC

present

A Money & Faith Retreat

*... a time apart to
examine the impact
of money on our lives*

"Ministry of Money helps us to wrestle through to an authentically Christian perspective on money within the context of modern society. I highly recommend their ministry." - Richard Foster
author of *Celebration of Discipline & Freedom of Simplicity*

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Asheboro, NC

What Is a Money and Faith Retreat?

Money is an emotionally charged issue. Perhaps that is the principal reason it is so often an unexamined issue that generates anxiety and guilt. Authentic and satisfying responses to money as an inevitable part of our lives are not likely to be found until we shape and wrestle with honest questions about money. ***Asking such questions, not providing answers, is at the core of the Ministry of Money.***

The Purpose of a Basic Retreat

To provide a safe, inviting and supportive environment and fellowship for people to:

- Reflect theologically on the place of money in the Realm of God.
- Get in touch with feelings about money.
- Examine the power of money in our lives and its impact on families, institutions, national priorities and international relationships.

Money is such a powerful issue that even the idea of questioning it can be intimidating. Nearly all retreat participants, however, would endorse this assessment:

"What a refreshing workshop! The only expectation was that we wrestle with our own money issues in a biblical context, recognizing God's abiding interest in poor people. Leaders helped focus questions, but nobody applied any pressure on anybody. The whole retreat was a wonderful celebration and affirmation of each person's distinctive faith journey, including our different ways of dealing with money issues."

- Stephen M. Anderson, Baltimore, MD

What Happens?

A retreat, in a gentle, free way, deepens our faith in relation to money, and expands our understanding of stewardship in all of life.

In the retreat, through personal sharing, dialogue, silent reflection, prayer and song, we will explore together the biblical, psychological and sociological dimensions of our relationship to money.

The Ministry of Money avoids the use of words such as "should, ought and must" . . . and does not dictate a particular formula or style. We hope to lift guilt rather than apply more. This retreat is not focused on fund-raising methods, nor is this a money-management seminar. Technical matters are important, but are specifically put aside at our retreats.

Why Attend?

Money is one of the most powerful forces in each of our lives; for some of us it is the main force. In our highly developed capitalistic society, money represents power, pleasure, security and status. But money also brings fear, guilt, insecurity, greed and selfishness. We've all been haunted by most of these feelings.

Money is a paradox: it enslaves, yet it frees; it is intensely private, yet very public; it measures worth, yet is not a measure of real worth; it destroys, yet creates.

We are often uneasy and uncomfortable with the subject of money. As Christians, we need and want to make sense of the puzzle of money in our lives and to move into the freedom, delight and peace of a right relationship to it.