

# LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Dear Pastor

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to introduce a weekend teaching event that has been a tremendous encouragement to many believers and churches: the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar. This seminar was developed to help Christians understand and apply the financial principles that God has laid out in His Word—principles that bring stability, freedom, and purpose when they are practiced faithfully.

The Bible speaks extensively about stewardship, work, generosity, debt, and the proper use of resources. Yet many believers have never received practical instruction on how these principles function in everyday life. As a result, families often struggle financially, not because they lack faith, but because they have never been taught how God's economic system works.

The Biblical Economics 101® Seminar addresses these issues from a clear biblical perspective. Over the course of a weekend—Friday evening and Saturday—we explore the foundational principles of Biblical Economics, including stewardship, financial responsibility, freedom from the bondage of debt, and the role of prosperity in advancing the Kingdom of God.

The goal of this seminar is not simply financial improvement but spiritual alignment. When believers bring their financial lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, they experience a new sense of freedom and purpose. Churches are strengthened as families become better stewards of what God has entrusted to them.

The weekend concludes with a special worship and ministry time on Saturday evening, allowing participants to seek God's direction and wisdom for their lives and finances.

I would be honoured to bring the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar to your church and serve your congregation in this way. Enclosed in this packet you will find an overview of the seminar, host responsibilities, and the simple arrangements involved in scheduling the event.

If this is something you believe could bless your church family, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for the faithful work you are doing in the service of the Lord. May God continue to bless your ministry and the people you shepherd.

Blessings and Happy Trails,  
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## Ministry Philosophy

At New Start Ministries, we believe that every area of life should come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ—including our finances. Scripture teaches that God is the owner of all things and that we are called to be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us. When believers understand and apply God's principles of stewardship, work, generosity, and financial responsibility, they experience greater freedom and stability in their lives.

The Bible speaks extensively about money and stewardship because finances touch nearly every aspect of daily life. Yet many Christians have never received clear teaching on these subjects. As a result, people often struggle with debt, financial stress, and uncertainty, even while faithfully serving the Lord. Our goal is to bring clarity to what Scripture teaches so that believers can walk confidently in God's design for stewardship. The key verse to this entire teaching program can be found in Deuteronomy 8:18 where it clearly states, *"remember the Lord thy God for it is He that has given you the power to get wealth so that you may establish His covenant."* Simply, that is the purpose of money, to build the Kingdom of God, and the more money we have the more building we can do and then more people will receive salvation and eternal life with Jesus.

The teaching of Biblical Economics 101® is built upon a simple but powerful principle: Lordship before ledger. When our hearts are fully surrendered to Christ, our financial decisions begin to align with His wisdom. Stewardship then becomes an act of worship, and the management of resources becomes a means of advancing God's Kingdom.

This ministry is not focused on promoting prosperity for personal gain. Rather, it emphasizes faithful stewardship so that believers may live responsibly, provide for their families, support the work of the local church, and participate generously in the spread of the Gospel. Financial wisdom allows the people of God to become a blessing to others and to invest in the work of the Kingdom.

Our desire is to serve the Church by providing sound biblical teaching that is practical, understandable, and spiritually grounded. When believers learn to apply God's principles, they often experience not only financial improvement but also deeper trust in God's provision and guidance.

The ultimate purpose of this teaching is to help believers align their lives with God's purposes and to strengthen the local church as families grow in wisdom, stewardship, and generosity.

## CHURCH HOST INFORMATION & CONTRACT

The Biblical Economics 101® Seminar is a powerful weekend teaching designed to help believers understand and apply God's financial principles in their daily lives. Many Christians faithfully attend church yet have never been taught what the Bible actually says about money, stewardship, debt, work, generosity, and prosperity in God's Kingdom etc.

Scripture speaks extensively about finances, stewardship, and responsibility. When believers learn and apply these principles, the results are life-changing. Families become financially stable, stress decreases, generosity increases, and churches are strengthened as people learn to manage God's resources wisely.

This seminar presents these biblical principles in a practical, straightforward way that people can immediately apply in their personal lives, businesses, and ministries.

Participants will learn:

- God's financial system versus the world's system
- The principle of Lordship before Ledger
- Biblical stewardship and personal responsibility
- Freedom from the bondage of debt
- God's purpose for prosperity and provision
- How financial faithfulness strengthens the local church

Key Chapters from the seminar book, *"Biblical Economics 101: Living Under God's Financial Blessing"*

Killing the Religious Sacred Cows  
False Ideas About Money  
The Purpose of Money  
Does God Want You to be Blest?  
God's Economy  
The Order of Melchizedek  
The Laws of Reaping and Sowing  
A Study of Wealth and Success  
The Way to Prosperity  
The Windows of Heaven

The goal of the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar is not merely financial improvement but spiritual alignment—bringing our financial lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and learning to steward what God entrusts to us.

## **Seminar Format**

The Biblical Economics 101® Seminar is designed as a weekend teaching event hosted by a local church.

### **Friday Evening**

Worship and opening session introducing the biblical foundation of God's economic principles.

### **Saturday Morning and Afternoon**

Worship in the morning with multiple teaching sessions covering the core principles of Biblical Economics, stewardship, work, wealth creation, generosity, and financial responsibility.

### **Saturday Evening**

A worship and ministry time where participants have the opportunity to seek God's direction, wisdom, and breakthrough in their personal and financial lives.

## **Financial Arrangements**

New Start Ministries does not charge a fixed speaking fee for the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar. An honorarium will be received on Friday evening and again on Saturday to support the ongoing work of the ministry. All proceeds offered go to New Start Ministries.

## **Host Church Responsibilities**

In order for the seminar to be most effective for participants, the host church agrees to assist with the following preparations:

### **1. Seminar Promotion**

The church will promote the seminar to its congregation and surrounding community through normal church communication channels such as announcements, bulletins, email lists, or social media. (Note: anyone (saved or unsaved) from any church is welcome to attend the seminar.) The host church further agrees to encourage strong attendance and full participation so that the seminar will be effective both spiritually and practically.

### **2. Participant Materials**

The host church will prepare and provide a seminar syllabus (sent in a pdf file by New Start Ministries) for attendees. This syllabus will include printed teaching outlines to coincide with the speakers teaching, provided in advance for duplication by the host church. Additionally, each participant is to be given one along with a copy of *"Biblical Economics 101: Living Under God's Financial Blessing"* (couples only need one copy of the book but each person needs their own syllabus). These books must be purchased and paid in advance from New Start Ministries by the host and they will be drop-shipped.

### **3. Meeting Facilities**

The host church provides the meeting location including:

- teaching room or sanctuary
- basic sound system
- Podium, white board

#### **4. Resource Table**

The church provides a table where ministry resources and books will be made available for those attending the seminar. The host will purchase in advance (to be dropped shipped along with the biblical economics books) a number of the speakers books.

#### **5. Volunteer Assistance**

Volunteers from the church will be needed to assist with simple logistical matters such as welcoming attendees, operating the book table, facilitate worship. Additionally, the speaker requires to male personal aids to assist him in the seminars.

**6. Extra consulting time.** At the hosts request, the speaker will provide personal financial consulting and teaching Sunday afternoon, and Monday if it's required. There is no charge for these services. Further, the host may wish to have the speaker give some private consulting time with the churches Board of Directors. Again, there is no charge for the services. Finally, if the host wishes so, the speaker can teach a message at the regular Sunday service. If so, an offering will be taken for the speaker.

**7. Note to International bookings:** Please email a letter to the speaker, addressed to your countries Customs Department stating that you have invited the speaker for your event. State the name of your organization (use your own letterhead) dates and location of the event, and the name and address of the booked hotel. Further, explain that the speaker will be renumerated through church offerings.

**8. Worship music:** The speaker requires certain worship songs to be used in addition to your bands choices as well. The speaker will ship either computer files etc. and/or a list of songs to the host in advance so that the band will be well versed in performing them prior to the seminar (please note, this is very important!)

**9. Copyright.** All materials supplied by the speaker are copy righted and permission is only given to the host to reproduce them for purposes of the seminar. Videoing taping is encouraged, but CD's, MPV"s, DVD's of the seminar can only be sold at cost to the attendees in attendance or persons unable to attend. Permission is not granted to publically sell any recording. No recording and/or photography of any other kind is allowed by anyone no recognized as staff or a volunteer of the church.

# HOST AGREEMENT

## Biblical Economics 101® Seminar

This agreement confirms that the hosting church or organization is inviting Rev. Dr. S. R. Watkins, Ph.D., of New Start Ministries, to present the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar in a weekend format consisting of Friday evening, Saturday daytime sessions, and Saturday evening ministry time.

The purpose of this seminar is to teach practical, biblical principles of stewardship, work, provision, generosity, debt reduction, and financial responsibility from a Kingdom perspective.

### 1. HOST CHURCH / ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Church / Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Province / State Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if not Canada): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SEMINAR DATE AND LOCATION

Seminar Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Venue / Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. SEMINAR FORMAT

The host church understands that the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar is to be scheduled in the following format:

Friday Evening: Opening teaching session

Saturday Daytime: Morning and afternoon teaching sessions

Saturday Evening: Ministry and prayer time

Any change to this format should be discussed and agreed upon in advance by both parties.

### 4. HONORARIUM

The host church agrees that an honorarium will be received on Friday evening and again on Saturday in support of the ministry of Rev. Dr. S. R. Watkins and New Start Ministries.

### 5. BOOKS, MATERIALS, AND SYLLABUS

The host church understands and agrees to the following:

a. Seminar Syllabus

The host church will prepare and reproduce the seminar syllabus for each attendee, using material supplied in advance by New Start Ministries.

#### b. Required Book Orders

The host church agrees to purchase the required number of Biblical Economics 101 books for seminar participants.

#### c. Resource Availability

New Start Ministries will also make additional books and ministry resources for purchase available at the seminar.

### **6. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES**

The host church agrees to provide the following:

#### a. Promotion

Adequate promotion of the seminar through church announcements, printed materials, email, website, and social media where appropriate.

#### b. Facility

A suitable venue for all seminar sessions, including seating, lighting, heating, and a clean, welcoming environment.

#### c. Sound Equipment

A suitable sound system, including microphone, (a head -set and hand free for the speaker) a podium and a white board.

#### d. Resource Table

A table or area for books, teaching materials, and ministry resources with staff to take payments. Full accounting records are to be kept.

#### e. Volunteers

Volunteer assistance as needed for registration, materials distribution, hospitality, and resource table support.

f. The speaker will ask during a break on the Saturday for volunteers to distribute and later collect questionnaires, given to each participant to be returned to the speaker by way of sealed envelope.

### **7. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

The host church agrees to provide and pay for all transportation, meals, and accommodation (in a hotel). The speaker will book the transportation which must be paid in advance, and the host will be responsible for paying the rest of the travel expenses.

### **8. CANCELLATION**

If the seminar must be cancelled or postponed, the host church agrees to notify New Start Ministries as soon as possible so that alternate arrangements may be discussed. If books, printed syllabus materials, travel, or accommodations have already been purchased or committed to, the host church understands that these costs will still remain the responsibility of the host.

**10.** The host is encouraged to charge a fee to the attendees of the seminar. Giving the seminar for free cheapens the product, and it also provides the host with an opportunity to cover the expenses. New Start Ministries recommends that the fee be no more than \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Discounts should be considered for seniors and students. Please note the seminar is for people of the age of 16 or older (ie. no children in the teaching room).

## 9. GENERAL UNDERSTANDING

Both parties enter this agreement in good faith and with the shared desire to strengthen the Church through sound biblical teaching and practical Kingdom application.

This agreement reflects the ministry expectations and practical arrangements for hosting the Biblical Economics 101® Seminar.

## 10. AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURES

On behalf of the host church / organization, I confirm that I have read and understood this agreement and agree to the above arrangements.

Host Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_