This is the first of three Faith and Finance videos produced by the Candler School of Theology for its financial literacy program for future ministers. All three videos are intended to furnish a theological framework for reflecting on matters of finance, but each will be correlated with a different stage of seminary education, providing the thematic focus for the financial literacy curriculum for each of the three years of Candler's MDiv program.

Thus, this first video ("Counting the Cost of Theological Education") examines issues related to first-year students' transition into seminary, including lifestyle choices, student loans, and consumer debt. The next video (to be deployed in the context of second-year students' required ecclesial placements) will concentrate on financial leadership within congregations, and the third will attend to students' transition out of seminary and into full-time ministry (including taxes, retirement planning, and saving for children's education). Although the video was shot at Candler, it is our hope that it will prove a useful resource for reflection and discussion at other theological schools as well.

Let us know your thoughts after viewing: 1) What elements were helpful/well-presented? 2) What elements were less helpful? 3) What other topics/angles related to the theme of the video (viz., financial implications of the transition into seminary) should be included that were missing?