



**Series:** MONEY MATTERS

**Sermon:** The Real Owner

**Date:** Sunday, January 8th, 2023

How we spend money reveals what is really going on in our \_\_\_\_\_ because our heart always \_\_\_\_\_ our money.

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10)*

*“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.” (Luke 16:10)*

*“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of Heaven?” (Luke 16:11 NLT)*

Two Questions That We All Will Answer To God For:

1. What did I do with all the wealth that God entrusted to me?
2. What has my handling of money and possessions accomplished for eternity?

\_\_\_\_\_: Someone that an owner entrusts with the management of their possessions

*“The Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...” (Psalm 24:1)*

*“The land is Mine and you reside in My land as foreigners and strangers.” (Leviticus 25:23)*

*“Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in Heaven and Earth is Yours. Yours, Lord, is the Kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.” (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)*

We are all \_\_\_\_\_, not owners.

Followers of Jesus are His \_\_\_\_\_.



*Jesus told His disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.” (Luke 16:1-8)*

The manager had limited time but yet in that time, he leveraged the master’s possessions to plan for his \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For the people of this world are more shrewd, in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” (Luke 16:8-9)*

*“When we come to Christ, God puts all His resources at our disposal. He also expects us to put all our resources at His disposal. That is what stewardship is all about.” (Pastor Randy Alcorn)*

**Bottom Line:** *We are all managers, not owners.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. When it comes to the things that you have, including the money you have, do you believe that you are the owner or that God is the owner?
2. What have you been using your money for? For God’s purposes or your own purposes?
3. Whom have you influenced spiritually and for eternity with what God has entrusted to you?
4. What would you want people to thank you for at the end of your life?

*Songs used in service: Jireh (Maverick City Music), King of Kings (Hillsong), Send Me (Jenn Johnson & Christ Quilala), God So Loved (We The Kingdom)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**