



Series: God and Money

Sermon: Part 2: The Seven Core Principles of Biblical Wealth and Giving

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The Seven Core Principles of Biblical Wealth and Giving

1. Everything we own belongs to _____ . Everything

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)

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

2. Our wealth and possessions should be used for God's _____

"Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the Master puts in charge of His servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the Master finds doing so when He returns." (Luke 12:42-43)

Stewardship includes how we spend the money, time, and giftings that we have from day to day and doing so looking through the lens of furthering God's Kingdom.

3. Wealth is like _____, with great potential for both good and harm

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

4. Worldly wealth is _____; Heavenly treasure is eternal

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Leveraging What We Have To: a. Follow Jesus b. Follow Jesus with others c. Help others to follow Jesus

5. Giving generously to the poor is a _____ duty in a fallen world



“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.” (Deuteronomy 15:11)

When we fail to help those who are poor around us, it is an indication that we don’t really know God as well as we claim to.

6. _____ should be voluntary, generous (even sacrificial), cheerful, and needs based
“Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)

Our Giving To God and His Purposes Should Be...

- 1. Periodic**
- 2. Planned**
- 3. Proportional**
- 4. Private**

Tithe: 10% given back to God, which is a good starting point for our giving as we build up from there

7. Giving generously _____ the power of money over us
“Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.” (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

Bottom Line: *When it comes to my life, how much do I actually need to keep?*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. *What is your bottom line when it comes to money in your life? Is it doing whatever it takes to seek financial profit and gain which is what culture tells us to aim for? Or is it using what God has entrusted us with for the good of others and to build His kingdom?*
- 2. *Where are you at when it comes to these 7 principles?*
- 3. *What can you do to take steps this year to make these principles a reality in your own life?*

Songs used in service: Build My Life, The Way (Pat Barrett), Holy Forever (Winans), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ Date: _____ Email: _____

What can we be praying for you about?