

Finances: Part 1*Resetting the Way We View Money*

Luke 16:1-13

Taking it Home:

1. How do you view your money: it's mine to keep, it's my creditors, it's God's and I manage it? In what ways do the following passages help us gain a biblical approach to handling money? Read: Deuteronomy 8:18, 1 Chronicles 29:14, Haggai 2:8)
2. Review your bank and credit card statements as an accounting to the Lord. What might you change in your spending or giving habits to manage God's money more effectively?

Prayer Concerns:**The way we view and handle money is not just a money issue.**

It's a _____ issue, a _____ issue,
an _____ issue, and a _____ issue.

A new lens:

1. God is the _____, I am his _____.
2. I will give an _____ in _____.
3. God rewards _____ money management.
4. There is only room for one _____.

Practical steps to Manage God's money:

1. _____ all I can.
2. _____ all I can.
Get out of _____
Learn to _____
3. So that I can _____ all I can.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What characteristics would you want to find in hiring a new employee?

Digging Deeper:

Read Luke 16:1-13

1. Jesus speaks about the topic of money more than any other topic in the Bible. Name some of the stories or teachings that you remember. Why do you think money is such a hot topic for Jesus?
2. In this parable, who does each character represent? As you think about your own life, is this an affirming or convicting parable? Do you have an owner or manager mentality when it comes to money? How does our view of money impact the way that we use it?
3. Reread vs. 8. Why does the rich man commend his manager for dealing shrewdly? With whom does he contrast the manager? What point is Jesus trying to make? (Read Matthew 25:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:10)
4. Read Matthew 6:19-24 and 1 Timothy 6:18-19. What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven? How do we do this? What might some of those treasures be? What type of bounty will you find once you arrive?
5. Read Luke 16:13, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Hebrews 13:5. How might these passages help you keep money in its proper place?
6. Martin Luther once wrote, "There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the purse." What do you think of this saying? In what ways has your purse been converted to the purposes of God, in what ways does it need to continue to be converted?