



Portfolio Management

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YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, BUT YOU CAN SEND IT ON AHEAD!

[Lay] up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. - Matthew 6:20 ESV

Investment Principle #1:

GOD OWNS EVERYTHING. I'M HIS MONEY MANAGER.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. - Psalm 24:1 NLT

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. - Haggai 2:8 ESV

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. - Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV

Money Pits

- FALSE WORSHIP: Money is everything!

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. – 1 Timothy 6:9-10 NLT

- FALSE SPIRITUALITY: Money is bad!

And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

– Luke 16:11-12 NLT

Investment Principle #2:

MY HEART ALWAYS GOES WHERE I PUT GOD'S MONEY.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:21 ESV

Resetting Money Mindsets...

- **WE ARE MORE THAN “MORE.”**

And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” – Luke 12:15 ESV

- **DEBT IS A DRAG!**

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. – Proverbs 22:7 ESV

- **“I CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO TITHE!”**

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!” – Malachi 3:10 NLT

Next Steps

- Memorize **Matthew 6:20**.
- I will realize that my finances are God's resource to accomplish His purposes in the world.
- I will reset money mindsets that reveal that my heart is in the wrong place.
- I will put my trust in Jesus Christ for the very first time.

Walk The Talk

A Growth Group Guide

1. If you had a million bucks, what would you do with it?
2. What is your reaction to the idea that God owns everything and expects you to manage His money? What are your thoughts on the idea that the way we use our finances has eternal meaning?
3. Based on the two extremes (Money Pits) that “Money is everything” and “Money is bad,” which side do you tend to err on? How so?
4. If your heart goes where you use your finances, where would you say your heart currently goes? Are you happy with this? How would you like to change this?
5. How do materialism and debt harm our relationship with God? Do you feel like it is wrong to desire things? Is all debt bad? How do we remain balanced in these Money Mindsets?
6. List some benefits of tithing. Share your personal feelings about tithing.