



Kingdom Investments - Session Two *“Roadblocks to Giving”*

Session Two Purpose: To discuss the roadblocks that inhibit giving and learn two principles that can influence how you can handle your finances.

Needed for Session: Bibles for each person. Paper, and pens/pencils for each participant.

Leaders’ Introduction: After welcoming your participants, in a few sentences summarize last week’s session in your own words (Something like: Last week we talked about what things inhibited you from totally following Jesus. This week we will discuss what keeps you from using your money for God’s kingdom). Let’s pray and watch the video for this week.

Play “Video Two” (10 minutes)

Bible Study (10 Minutes): Let’s divide up in the same groups were in last week. If you are new, you are welcome to join any group. Now, all group members are to go around and re-introduce yourselves to others in the group.” (Merge groups if necessary because of low attendance.)

“This week the person whose birthday is nearest to February 14 is the leader of the group. The person whose birthday is closest to October 1 is the scribe who will take notes.”

“Turn to Chronicles 29:10-13. In this passage, King David is giving his final charge and exhortation to the leaders of Israel and to his son, Solomon. After charging Solomon with the task of building the Temple and commissioning an offering for the Temple, he turn his attention to the Lord.”

10Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Notes:

1. This prayer climaxes the reign of David.
2. V. 11 states that all that is in heaven and earth is God’s.
3. All good things come from God, including riches and honor as well as power and might, and he is the one who controls them. God alone has the power to make great and give strength to all.

Leader: “Each group leader now is to ask the group to discuss the following questions. The group needs to have a written answer for each question, which the group’s scribe will write out on the provided paper.” [Give the groups time to answer the following questions.]

1. In verse 10, how long is God to be the father of Israel?
2. What five things are in the first part of verse 11 that are the Lord’s?
3. In second part of verse 11, what things in the heavens and earth are the Lord’s possession?
4. Is God over everything? (v. 11)
5. What things are listed in verse 12 that God alone controls?
6. Does this say that God is absolutely in control? Who should receive the praise and glory for success?

Group Reports (10 minutes): The Leader asks for the answers for each question from each group. For example, say “Question One, what did group one find out?” Then, after the representative of group one answers the question, say, “Did anyone else get anything different?” (If nothing is different, then move to the next question until the answers to all the questions are reported.)

Leader: Let’s look at few Scriptures. Read Psalm 24:1, “**The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,**”

Read Deuteronomy 8:18, “**You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,...**”

Read Haggai 2:8, “**The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts.**”

Read 1 Corinthians 19-20, “**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.**

Leader: Have groups now discuss the following two questions.

1. From these verses, who is really the owner of your life and possessions?
2. What price did God pay for your life?

Leader reads the following (10 minutes): “Randy Alcorn has written about several principles regarding managing what you have in your possession. The first is: “*God owns everything. I’m his money manager.*” Explain what you think this means.”

The second principle is this: “*My heart always goes where I put God’s money.*” What does this mean? (Let participants present several answers.)

Leader: “So, if I am God’s money manager, that means I have to be careful with the possessions and money he has entrusted me with, because it isn’t really mine. I can’t consider it mine...it’s really God’s! Likewise, I will always be interested in what I put God’s money to work in. For example, if I give some of God’s money to Hope, I need to know how that money is being used. To be really wise about God’s money, I need to find out about the missionaries Hope supports, the staff members Hope employs, and the different ministries at Hope. I also need to feel confident that the money isn’t being wasted or misused.”

Group Sharing (10 minutes): The Leader introduces the group activity by saying, “What I want you to do next is to think about the things you claim to own and how you manage them. Has any of the Scripture verses changed your perspective on these? Why or why not?”

- Do you believe that “your” money and possessions really belong to God?
- What is hindering you from investing them in God’s Kingdom?

Group Prayer (10 minutes): Invite members of each group to pray together, asking for God to continue to mold and shape each other’s perspectives on money and possessions.

Last thoughts of the Leader: “Thanks so much for coming to this session. Next week we will study a new vision and a huge challenge. Let me urge you to come back next week. Good night!”