

## LIFE ON PURPOSE - Shake Off The Poverty Mindset

When it comes to finances and faith, people get very uncomfortable very quickly. Jesus taught about finances or handling resources nearly 20% of the time. Should the church even bother with discussing finances? Why or why not?

Read: John 10:10, Psalm 23:1, Matthew 7:11, Psalm 50:10

If generosity is a characteristic of God, how have we seen that reflected on the pages of scripture, in nature, or in real life?

**Read: Matthew 25:14–30** 

Break down this story:

Who does The Master of the Servants represent?

Who do the servants represent?

What was commanded in the story?

What was condemned?

Is this fair? Is it just? What is the difference?

What are the different kind of resources that God has entrusted us?

What does being a good steward of resources entail?

A steward thinks with vision, while a beggar thinks only of survival. What's the difference?

Read: Genesis 12:1-3, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:11

Should we trust that God blesses us to be a blessing? Why or why not?

What role do we play in the renewal of our minds?

How does generousity help us "love as many people to Jesus as we can before we die."?

What does trusting God in the area of our finances look like?

What personal behavioral changes would someone need to make?

Have you ever struggled with a poverty mindset? How did you break free of that pattern of thinking? How have you stayed stuck?

How can we pray for our church and community to break free?