

Financial Disentanglement

Introduction: Each generation observes the last generation and uses a phrase where they say, "I don't want to make the same mistakes my parent's generation made." That, of course, depends on each generation's reason for doing what they do. But in reality, the smartest people on earth are the ones who have made mistakes, and they learned from them.

The Apostle Paul wanted his readers to know in the book of Romans that it has to do with conformation and transformation. Evidently, it's possible to conform to the world's way of thinking or be transformed to the mind of Christ.

This is very applicable to the deeply held beliefs we have about our finances. And those beliefs drive the outcomes we have with our money. An Old Testament King by the name of David learned about this in I Chronicles 29.

Scripture: Romans 12:2-3; I Chronicles 29:2-20

I. Consider some very tough questions today:

- a. What are your deeply held beliefs?
- b. Have those deeply held beliefs (about marriage, tithing, church, people) led you to make the decisions you have made... that have brought you the outcomes you are experiencing?
- c. Deep change of venue thought #1: Isn't it possible that God knows what's best for you, even when your deeply held beliefs show otherwise?
- d. Deep change of thought #2: Every person you lay eyes on is someone for whom Christ died.

II. Overarching Thought: Everything in our Lives Belongs to God

- a. I Chronicles 29 is the process by which King David realized that everything he owned belonged to God in the first place. Knowing that changed his whole philosophy about the giving of his treasures.
- b. He realized that God gave him the ability to create wealth.
- c. He realized that God gave him his wealth
- d. He realized that we aren't the ones that became generous; God was.
- e. We clearly understand that God owns everything else, but when it comes to our money... that one hurts.

III. Challenges for New Horizons as we go forward:

- a. Your **tithing** allows Kingdom work to get accomplished.
- b. The giving of your **time** helps to initiate the Kingdom work we do.
- c. The offering of your **talents** will enable us to do all we do first class.

Where we go in the future and how we do it is answered by your deeply held beliefs. What are they? Does it include the kingdom work we do here at New Horizons? What do you think your part is?
