

Series: Manage Or Be Managed
Message: Managing My Resources
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Genesis 22
Luke 5

Managing our resources can be very stressful for some. For some, there is no clue about how to manage resources and live within our means. Some of us look ahead and worry how we'll pay the rent, mortgage or grocery bill. Others of us have no worry about putting food on the table, but panic over having fewer zeros in the bank account. To all of this God says, "I've got an answer." Today we'll explore that answer.

Two Views of God

1. A _____

2. A _____

Two Questions:

1. How could God _____ ?

Romans 9:20-21, Proverbs 1:7, Deuteronomy 29:29, Isaiah 55:8-9,
Job 1-2

2. How could Abraham _____ ?

Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:17-19

***When we see God as a Giver, we respond by saying,
" _____ !"***

Two Decisions:

1. Do I believe God is _____ ? God
_____ for me when I live in humble
obedience and dependence.

2. Do I believe God is _____ good and loving? God will
_____ for me and _____
_____ in humble obedience and
dependence.

Our Response:

— We choose to _____ back - we choose _____ !

Matthew 16:25, Philippians 4:19, Luke 6:38, 1 Timothy 6:17

— God is the _____ - we _____ God's
blessings, God's way.

Psalm 24:1, Malachi 3, 1 Corinthians 10:26

Growth Group Questions

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Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Getting To Know You

1. Back during your high school years how did you prepare for or handle a test? (pick any that apply)

- Study long and hard
- Cram it in the night before
- Wing it
- Other
- Stress case
- Skip class
- Bring it on/like the challenge

2. At times our stress with finances can be unduly heightened because we've raised the bar too high on what we consider to be essential needs. What are some typical things we might say "we need," but in reality are just luxuries?

Digging Deeper

3. Abraham's example of trusting God with the life of his son can leave us wondering, "How could I ever have that kind of faith and trust God that much?" How do the following passages help you deal with this question?

Mark 9:14-24

John 4:46-53

Hebrews 12:1-3

4. Our view of God is based on our experiences in life. That view drives the extent of our financial freedom, contentment, and generosity even more than whether we are prosperous or in need. How can the following verses help us keep a healthy perspective on God as a Giver (The Lord Will Provide), and our own resources?

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Proverbs 23:4-5

Luke 16:10-12

John 3:16

Luke 6:38

5. Which of the following messages about money and financial security did you learn from your family growing up?

- Money can't buy you happiness
- Financial security is the most important goal in life
- Money is the root of all evil
- Wealth is a sign of God's favor and approval
- He who dies with the most toys, wins
- The best part of having money is helping others
- Debt is always bad
- Debt is okay for things you really want
- Never buy anything unless it's on sale
- Saving for the future is very important
- Other _____

Taking It Home

6. At your core do you have a tendency to see God as a Giver, or a taker?