

Dollars and Sense - Part I



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Luke 12:34

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Giving Principle

Giving is not the church's way of raising money, it is God's way of raising His children.

Stewardship Definition

A steward is someone whom an owner trusts with the management of their assets

God Owns Everything

Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

Deuteronomy 10:14

Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

Job 41:11

Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the heaven is Mine.

Stewardship Question

In spending this money, am I acting as if I own it, or am I acting as if the Lord owns it?

Matthew 25

14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.

16 Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17 In the same

manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.
18 But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' 29 "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

River Cross Church Mission

Leading people to think eternally and act presently

Think about: (1) God's ownership, (2) your stewardship, and (3) you will be held accountable