Men's Ministry Saturday, January 6, 2024 <u>Stewardship</u>

4 Ways the Bible talks about money

Number One: The Bible talks about how you should feel about money.

We are not to love money... We are not to trust money... We are not to seek to be rich

To put your trust in money, is idolatry...

We are to seek to honor God...

We are not to regard money as our own; it is God's.

Number Two: The Bible talks about how we **earn money**, or how we **get money**.

We are not to steal money... we are not to defraud people.

We can get money through gifts...

We can get money through inheritance...

By making wise investments...

By good-old work.

Number Three: The Bible talks about how we should **spend money**.

We are to provide for the needs of our family and the needs of those around us.

We need to spend money to pay our debts.

We need to NOT spend money and instead save money.

Number Four: The Bible talks about how you should **give your money**.

Be responsive to the Holy Spirit in our lives... Let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Be wise with your money.

Be a cheerful giver... give wisely and abundantly.

Group discussion:

Question 1. John MacArthur states: "...the way you handle money is an indication of your Christian stewardship of life."

-What does that mean to you?

Question 2. Has money ever been an obstacle in your life or the life of someone you know? Please explain How? ... Did it change? ... How?

Question 3. Aside from money, what other things could be considered idols?

Do you have any of these idols?

(Examples: Family, work, sports, cars, children, gambling, house, garden, celebrities, etc.)

Question 4. Aside from money, what wise investments are you making or you think you should make? (Examples: God, Bible, time with family, other things...)

Question 5. Once we understand that we are stewards of God's provisions...

- What changes do you think you need to make in your life?
- What are some of the risks, if we misunderstand this concept of "Biblical Stewardship"?