

“LIVING IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE LAWS OF MONEY - PART 1”

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INTRO: “Laws” - the principles that govern how things work. When you work in alignment with laws, things work better. We’ve all made some money mistakes. Let’s not get under condemnation, but rather learn from our mistakes and from God’s Word. Crisis often reveals to us weaknesses that have been able lying dormant, but surface during times of crisis.

I. OUR BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES ABOUT MONEY ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN HOW MUCH WE HAVE/MAKE.

- A. Our beliefs and attitudes impact how we obtain money.
- B. Our beliefs and attitudes impact how we spend money.
- C. It’s better to have right beliefs and attitudes about money and not have much money, then have wrong beliefs and attitudes about money but have a lot of it.

II. WE ARE STEWARDS OF OUR MONEY AND POSSESSIONS, NOT OWNERS (Luke 16:1-14).

Four Implications of being Stewards rather than Owners:

- 1. God owns it all (Lk. 16:1; Ps. 24:1; 50:10-11; Hag. 2:8).

The moment you think you own the money the money owns you!

- 2. We are called to faithfully steward that which God entrusts to us (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:8, 15-17; Ps. 24:1; 50:10-11; 1Pet. 4:10; 1Cor. 4:2; Luke 16:1-14; etc.).
- 3. Managers are responsible & accountable for how they manage the owner’s resources (Lk. 16:1-14).
 - A. The steward’s response to getting fired (Luke 16:3-7).
 - B. The master’s response to the steward’s response – commended him for his shrewdness (v. 8).
- 4. Non-Christians are often wiser than Christians in how they use finances in the real world (v. 8b).
 - A. More focused on escaping than managing!
 - B. More focused on faith than faithfulness!
 - C. More focused on the spiritual than the practical!
 - D. Let’s be responsible, faithful and skillful stewards.

CONCLUSION: How are you doing at stewarding that which God has entrusted to you? What is God saying to you?