

## **YOUR FINANCES: GOD'S PROPERTY**

### **GOD'S PART IN OUR FINANCES:**

#### **OWNERSHIP:**

Psalms 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

Deuteronomy 8:17, 18

"...then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He word to your fathers, as it is this day."

Deuteronomy 10:14

"Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it."

#### **GOD'S CONTROL...**

I Chronicles 29:11-

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name."

Psalms 135:6

"Whatever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places."

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

#### **GOD'S PROVISION:**

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

I Timothy 6:8

"And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

Philippians 4:19

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

## **OUR PART: STEWARDSHIP**

I Corinthians 4:1

“Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

### **Matthew 25:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>“For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <sup>15</sup>And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <sup>16</sup>Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <sup>17</sup>And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.”

### **Hosea 4:6**

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

For those who accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are called to live by different standards than the rest of the world.

### **Philippians 2:15**

“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

The Bible speaks to money and possessions so much because financial issues and decisions are constantly required of us:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ of the 38 parables in the Bible discuss money and possessions
- b) There are over \_\_\_\_\_ references in the Bible to money and possessions; more than the word “love” or “prayer”
- c) The word contentment is mentioned seven times in the scriptures; six times it is in reference to money and possessions.
- d) We \_\_\_\_\_ with contentment; it must be learned. Knowing what God requires of us in handling money and possessions + Doing these things + Trusting God to provide = CONTENTMENT

There are a number of factors that contribute to our sense of discontent.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
5. What else can you say that contributes to your sense of discontent?

Here are some typical warning signs of financial bondage:

- Robbing\_\_\_\_\_
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- Worry about financial matters
- Consumed with thinking about money
- Lack peace and contentment
- Overdue bills
- Working extra hours to earn more
- Lack of savings
- Trouble sleeping because of financial stress
- Financial arguments with spouse
- Unwanted calls from bill collectors

### **Questions to Consider...**

Why is a biblical perspective of money and material possessions important?

How does our handling of money affect our relationship with the Lord?

Money and possessions: Are they competing with our love of the Lord. How?