

The Kingdom of God

and handling money here and now



When you were born, what did you have?

Ecc 5:15 As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

Who is the giver of all these things?

1 Tim 6:17 ...God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy...

What does God promise to supply?

- All your need - Phil. 4:19
- 1 Tim. 6:6-10
- Luke 12:15-34
- Luke 11:3 - ask

To whom do we belong?

1 John 5:19 - We know that we are of God.....

To whom do all our money and possessions actually belong?

Rom 11:36 - For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

So what is our relationship to these possessions?

stewards

managers

Which kingdom?

- **John 17:16 - "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."**
- **1 John 2:15-17**
- **1 John 5:19 - We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

Kingdoms of this world

- Under the power of the evil one
- liar, deceiver
- murderer
- accuser
- envy
- greed
- ownership
- "generating wealth" through debt
- produces bondage

Kingdom of God

- Authority of Jesus Christ our Lord
- Truth, the Way
- Life
- Redeemer, intercessor
- contentment
- generosity
- stewardship
- faithful work, giving and receiving
- produces freedom and joy

Thinking about our stewardship

- **Luke 16:1-13**
- **Eccl 5:10-16**
- **Matt 24:44-51**
- **Mal 3:8-10**
- **Prov 11:24-28**
- **Prov 28:19-22**
- **Prov 14:23**

Ministry with the poor

- Prov 22:7-9
- Prov 22:16
- Ps 37:21
- Prov 28:27
- Prov 19:17

1 Tim 6:17-19

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

Let's Get Practical

- 1. Pursue God's will for your life.
- 2. Decide on a reasonable standard of living.
- 3. Establish a habit of giving.
- 4. Identify priorities.
- 5. Develop a thankful heart.
- 6. Reject fear and put your trust in God.

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