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Review:

The WHY of Generous Living

- Faithful _____ (stewardship) of our resources brings _____ rewards.
- Our _____ living reflects the great _____ of our God!

Values

- What we want _____ you, not what we want _____ you!
- *“Live like no one else today so that you can live (and give) like no one else tomorrow!” —Dave Ramsey*

ROMANS 12:2 NIV

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Introduction

God's Cycle of Financial Stewardship:

- Earning
- Spending

DEUTERONOMY 29:5 NIV

Yet the LORD says, “During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.”

God looks _____ upon how we handle our wealth. LUKE 16:11

True Riches

- From pride to gratitude. DEUTERONOMY 8:14ff
- From anxiety to trust. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
- From covetousness to contentment. 1 TIMOTHY 6:6; PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13
- From indifference to love. MATTHEW 22:36ff

Jesus knew the potential risks of dealing with our _____
_____. MATTHEW 6:24

Over _____ verses in the Bible have to do with finances and our possessions.

Jesus talked more about material wealth than prayer, heaven, faith, hope, etc.!

God looks for _____ in managing His possessions (MATTHEW 25:21; LUKE 16:1-2).

EARNING MONEY

Work

- _____% of people who go to work are unhappy, don't like their job, can't wait to quit or retire.

God's View of Work

- It is _____ —was part of a perfect _____
—actually God's work! GENESIS 2:15
- Work is _____ both in the Old Testament and New Testament.
EXODUS 20:9-10; 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10

Changing Demands of the Workforce

From Gallup: It's the Manager

PAST	FUTURE
My Paycheck	My Purpose
My Satisfaction	My Development
My Boss	My Coach
My Annual Review	My Ongoing Conversations
My Weaknesses	My Strengths
My Job	My Life

- Work develops _____. COLOSSIANS 3:22
- Work is God's means of _____. EPHESIANS 4:28
- Work can/should bring _____.
EPHESIANS 6:7-8
- Work is God's way to provide for _____ family and for
_____ in need. EPHESIANS 4:28
- What you _____ from working is what God has given you
to spend.
- Contentment is not based on what we earn or have. It is a
_____. ECCLESIASTES 5:10;
PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6
- _____ is the primary marketing strategy in our culture.
1 SAMUEL 16:7; ROMANS 12:2

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approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Extemporaneous Factors

- Minimal opportunity for work
- Health, accident, infirmity/disability

Children and _____: A problem in our affluent society which develops an _____ mentality.

SPENDING YOUR MONEY

How we handle our money is an index of our true _____.

LUKE 16:11

The more money we have, the more we reveal our character.

We need God's _____ in this area. ISAIAH 55:8-9

The most significant difference in God's view of material wealth and our view is that the _____ _____ is the central focus.

- Who is the _____?
- What is His _____?

There are only three categories to our spending:

- Through _____
- Into _____
- For _____

“... to have a balanced financial plan and a balanced life, you must spend, save, and give a part of every dollar.”

— Asking About Asking, Stroman, p. xv