



Align...

your finances with the heart of God

JESUS, who personally came to reveal the heart of God, talked more about money than other theological topics. That in itself is quite a revelation!

And in the talking and teaching that Jesus did, He revealed some very frank and direct thoughts that God has about what He chooses to entrust to us:

No one can serve two masters...you cannot serve both God and money! Mark 6:24^{NIV}

Do not store up for yourselves on earth...²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:19-20^{NIV}

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Mark 6:21^{NIV}

But alongside those exhortations/warnings, He also says:

...how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Mark 7:11^{NIV}

And the Apostle Paul adds:

...God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17^{NIV}

How do we live in a way that aligns with and reflects God's heart in this tension of owning things but not letting them own us? What guidance does the Bible give? And how does that work out in very practical ways?

Thanks for joining us in this discussion over the next weeks. It is our prayer that these lessons will help each of us find a way to better "align our finances with the heart of God."

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—ROMANS 12:2 NIV

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CHAPTER ONE: Pursuing the Joy of Generosity

Introduction: Seminar expectations

Values for this course:

What we want _____ you, not what
we want _____ you!

Steps in transformation

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

New Living Translation:

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

If your _____ are in
place, 99% of your _____ are
already made for you!

Pursuing the Joy of Generosity

God owns it all.

“ ... _____ in heaven and earth is yours.”

“you are exalted as _____ over all...”

I Chronicles 29:11

- The land. Leviticus 25:23
- The money. Haggai 2:8, 1 Chronicles 29:12
- The animals. Psalm 50:9-11
- Therefore, every _____
decision is a _____ one.
- It will also influence how we _____
for our/God’s possessions.

- This demands a _____
 _____ in our thinking, when we begin to see our
 _____ as God sees them.
- Steps to changing our thinking:
- _____ in I Chronicles 29:11-12.
- Be aware of the Lord's _____ of all you have.
- Be careful in the use of _____,
 _____,
 _____ in referring to material wealth you possess.
- Begin to consider _____ for His
 things in your possession.

God is a generous God. Matthew 7:9-11

- Garden of Eden
- Abraham
- Promised Land
- Solomon
- Job
- Widow of Zarephath
- Jesus, Indescribable
- Eternal Life

God's Generosity to us!

- The Father gave the Son (the most valuable gift a parent could give).
- The Son gave his life (the most valuable gift a person could give).
- God gives us eternal life (the most valuable gift we could receive).

God loves to _____ with His children.

1 Timothy 6:17, 1 Corinthians 6:12b, Acts 17:24-25

**God invites us into a journey of _____
to others around us.** 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 1 Chronicles 29:14-15

- Generous with our good deeds
- Generous with our finances

Benefits of generosity:

- Lay up treasure for the _____
1 Timothy 6:19
- Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be
_____ your _____
Philippians 4:17
- Take hold of life that is _____

- “life and life abundantly...” John 10:10
- “...what is good and pleasing and perfect (complete)
- Break the hold our treasures can have on us.
- “The acts of giving, and especially giving generously, is the best way to counteract our tendency to become a slave of money and what it will buy.” —Doudera

Coming Full Circle:

Tapping into _____
 _____ . —Matthew 6:19-21

Making _____ investments
 that last forever.

_____ the generosity of God.

The WHY of Generous Living

- Faithful _____ (stewardship)
 of our resources brings _____
 rewards (unfaithful management brings penalties).
 Matthew 25:23; Luke 16:1-3, 10-12

- Our _____ living reflects the great
 _____ of our God! —Matthew 7:11