

ALIGN...

[Your finances with the Heart of God]



Pursuing the Joy of Generosity | Don Reed

Seminar Expectations

Values for this course

- What we want for you, not what we want from you!

Seminar Expectations

Steps in transformation

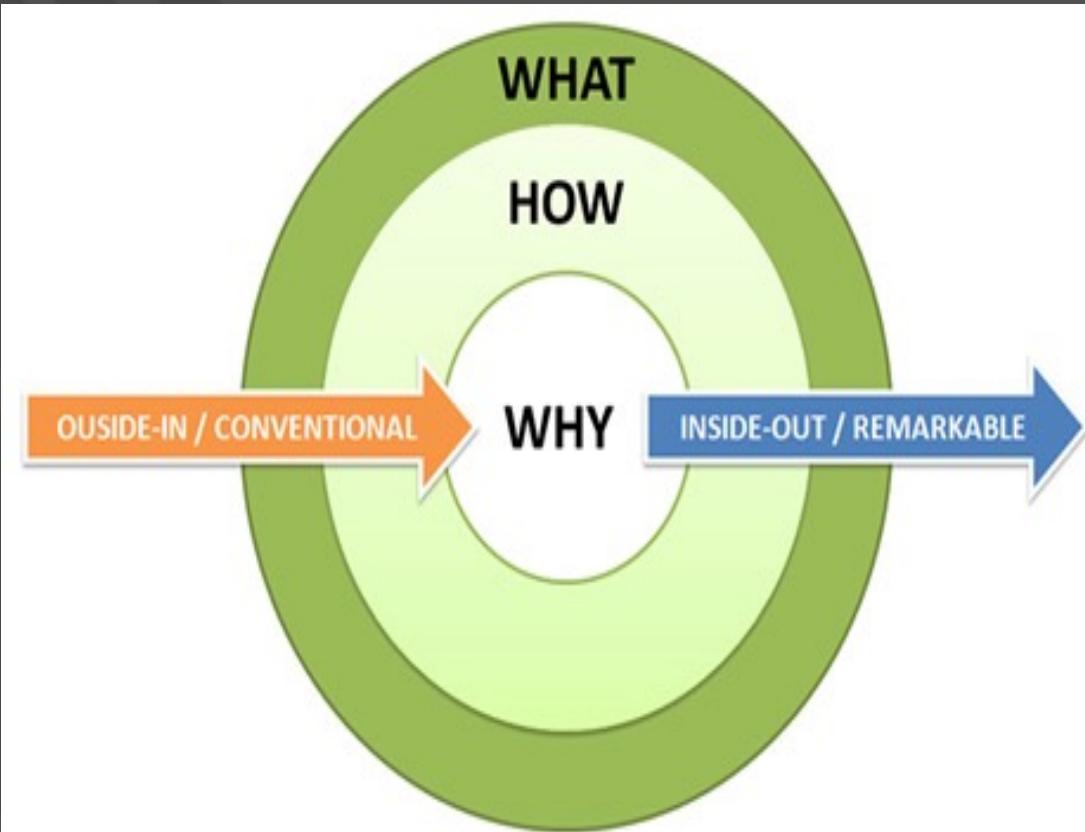
- *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

--Romans 12:2, NIV

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Steps in transformation

- If your values are in place, 99% of your decisions are already made for you.



A. God Owns It All

“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.” (I Chronicles 29:11)

God Owns It All

- The land

“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.”

(Leviticus 25:23)

God Owns It All

- The money

“The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty.

(Haggai 2:8)

God Owns It All

“Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.”

(1 Chronicles 29:12)

God Owns It All

The animals

- “I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.”

(Psalm 50:9-11)

Therefore...

- Therefore every spending/financial decision is a spiritual one.
- It will also influence how we care for our/God's possessions.
- This demands a major shift in our thinking when we begin to see our material possessions as God sees them.

Steps to changing our thinking:

- Meditate on I Chronicles 29:11-12.
- Be aware of the Lord's ownership of all you have.
- Be careful in the use of my, mine, ours in referring to material wealth you possess
- Begin to consider God's choices for His things in your possession

B. God Is A Generous God

Matthew 7:11 - how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

- Garden of Eden
- Abraham
- Promised Land
- Solomon
- Job
- Widow of Zeraphath
- 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).

C. God Loves To Share With His Children

I Timothy 6:17

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

I Corinthians 6:12b

I have the right to do anything, you say – but **not everything** is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything but **not everything** is constructive.

Acts 17:24-25

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

D. God Invites Us Into A Journey Of Generosity to Others Around Us!

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” (I Timothy 6:18)

- Generous with our good deeds
- Generous with our finances

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you...”

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

Benefits Of Generosity

- Lay up treasures for the coming age

“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” (1 Timothy 6:19)

Benefits Of Generosity

“Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.”
(Philippians 4:17)

“Right now counts forever!!”

--Rob West, *Faith & Finance* podcast

Benefits Of Generosity

- Take hold of life that is truly life
 - “...life and life abundantly” (John 10:10)
 - “...what is good and pleasing and perfect... (Romans 12:2)

Benefits Of Generosity

- 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."

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Coming Full Circle

- Tapping into eternal treasures
•Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Coming Full Circle

- Making kingdom investments that last forever
- Reflecting the generosity of God
 - (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

The WHY of Generous Living

- Faithful management (stewardship) of our resources brings eternal rewards (unfaithful management brings penalties).
(Matthew 25:23; Luke 16:1-3, 10-12;
Revelation 22:15)
- Our generous living reflects the great generosity of our God!!! (Matthew 7:11)

