

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - PART 2

Review from last week:

1. I am God's steward.
2. God is my source.
3. Because God is my source, I can afford to be generous.

If you are faithful with little, you will be faithful with much.

If you are unfaithful with little, you will be unfaithful with much.

One of the little things referred to in Luke 16, is money.

If you have little money, your responsibility is to be faithful with the little that you have, and God will begin to trust you with more.

If you have a lot of money, realize that money is only an elementary or basic step in spiritual maturity.

How can you trust God in the bigger things, like healing, restoring your family, or even salvation, if you are not trusting God with your money, the little thing?

Some people ask God to show them what to do to be blessed.

Sometimes He already has shown us, but we're not doing it.

The rich man in Mark 10 had a problem with greed, which is idolatry.

We need to hear the truth of God in our hearts about our finances.

We need to hear from God whether or not we have set up idols in our lives, idols of greed and covetousness, that need to come down if we're going to follow Him.

Only God can accurately evaluate our hearts.

We must not put our trust in riches, we must put our trust in God.

The American dream, to lay up treasures for ourselves here on earth until we can live the good life, is not God's dream for us.

God's dream for us is to be our source, to be our provider, to be our reward.

His dream for us is for us to trust Him in the little things like money, so that He can pour out even greater blessings, eternal blessings.

Has God ever called you to give something up? He might this week.

If He does, give it up! Be obedient. Trust Him! Don't store up treasures for yourself here on earth.

Exercise that principal of tithing, that principal of giving, that principal of sharing.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Luke 16:10-11
Mark 10:17-31
Colossians 3:5

Luke 19:1-10
Matthew 6:19-21