

Series recap:

1. Stewardship is managing God's _____ for God's _____.
2. Giving is a chance for my _____ to intersect with God's _____.
3. God views all my possessions as a _____, _____, and a _____.
4. Conversion is a supernatural _____ that produces a supernatural _____.

The Determining Factors of Giving

1. _____

Matthew 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- Your giving reveals whether the kingdom is a _____ in your life or not.

2. _____

- We build financial _____ in our lives by not _____.
- Nothing prepares you for a *rainy day* like _____ today.

Psalm 37:25

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- Believers set the _____ of blessing in their lives.
- If we could see giving as God sees giving, we would _____ to give.
- God's promise to generous givers is: all _____, all _____, all you _____.

3. _____ - _____

- We don't _____ to the kingdom because we first have _____ ours.

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

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- Debt is not _____; it is a form of _____.
- God doesn't mind you having debt; he just doesn't want it to _____ you.
- Debt always costs _____ than the _____ payment.

Stewardship: Week 4
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