

Kingdom Training Level 5: Financial Faith

Lesson 1: Lord of Heaven and Earth

Introduction

Psalm 40:1-3 We all need God's perspective and _____

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed...

- Disciples need to have their thinking transformed
- This is not about money, giving, or fundraising but _____

1. God Owns it All

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and _____ in it, the world, and all who live in it

Deuteronomy 8:18 It is he who gives you the _____ to produce wealth

What causes our confusion?

- Marketing: Kids view _____ commercials by age 20
- Behavior vs. Belief: _____ live paycheck to paycheck; Born again Christians give _____%
- Wrong Treasure: _____ US households filed for bankruptcy in 2014

2. Stewardship Defined

[NRSV] 1 Cor 4:1 Think of us in this way as _____ of Christ and _____ of God's mysteries.

v.2 It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy

v.7 What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?

- An ethic that embodies the responsible planning and _____ of resources
- The assignment of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others
- The Steward doesn't _____ anything.
- What has God entrusted you with?

Biblical stewardship can be defined as handling all of _____ resources _____ ways for _____ glory.

3. Financial Discipleship

Luke 3:10-14 John the Baptist: **1) Be _____ 2) Don't _____ 3) Be _____**

- _____% of Jesus' teaching deals with handling resources
- Paul warned about the dangers of wanting to _____ (1 Timothy 6)
- James rebuked the _____ and warned disciples not to covet or become friends with the world (James 5:1,4:4)
- John challenged disciples not to "love the _____ or anything in the _____" (1 John 2:15-16)
- Peter admonished disciples to "use whatever gift you have received to _____ others, as faithful stewards" (1 Peter 4:10)

What is it that steals our freedom?

- Attitude of _____ instead of gratitude (Psalm 73:3, 17)
- Burdened by _____ or financial obligation (Romans 13:8)
- Driven by an insatiable desire for _____ and _____ (Phil 4:12)
- Financial Discipleship: Make Jesus _____ in every area of our lives!

4. The Dream

- Disciples with " _____ " – the capacity to live out the Christian life
- Treasure in Heaven – the joy of Financial Faith!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *You are not your own; you were bought at a price... honor God!*