

Serving God with your resources

I can serve God with my finances when I understand that *money is a tool* entrusted to me by God, not the ultimate goal of my life.

I serve God with my money when I understand that:

- 1. I am rich by the world's standards**
God has entrusted me with more than I realize.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 NKJV

I serve God with my money when I understand that:

- 2. Money is a means, not an end**
It is a tool God places in my hands; therefore, I am not the owner, but a steward.

¹. He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ² So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ ³ “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵ “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ And he said, ‘A hundred [b]measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred [c]measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. ⁹ “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

LUKE 16:1-9 NKJV

¹⁰ He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. ¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

LUKE 16:10-13 NKJV

I serve God with my money when I understand that:

- 3. My generosity is decided in advance**
I pre-decide how I will live and how much I will give, before circumstances make that decision for me.

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 NKJV

He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given.

PROVERBS 19:17 NKJV

“People won't talk about your possessions at your funeral. They will tell stories about your life. Invest in stories, not in things.”