

WHO OWNS WHAT?
Money Talks #2
October 15, 2023

Big Idea: _____ owns all our money, and _____ trusts _____ to manage it for _____.

BENEFITS OF UNDERSTANDING OWNERSHIP

- 1. It helps me control _____ to gain _____.**
(Eccl. 5:10; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Col. 3:23-24)
 - Contentment is gratitude that you have _____, and _____ is enough.
 - Since God owns everything, greed is _____, and contentment is _____.
 - Contentment is NOT satisfaction with _____.
- 2. It protects me from loving _____ more than the _____.** (1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- 3. It teaches me to trust _____ instead of _____.** (1 Timothy 6:17)
- 4. It inspires me to put _____ first in my finances.** (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

Culture's Plan for Your Money (2021 Stats)

- _____% on You
- _____% Savings
- _____% Giving

Christ's Plan for Your Money

- _____% Giving
- _____% Savings
- _____% on You

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON MONEY AND OWNERSHIP

Monday

Read Matthew 25:14-30. Who owned the “talents”? Who decided which person received more to manage? What was the criteria for doing a good job? All of the servants understood the principle of ownership, but one servant was cast out. Why? What does that tell you about what God expects from His investment in you?

Tuesday

Read Matthew 6:25-34. Are you ever anxious about having your needs met? Are you ever anxious about your finances? How does Jesus tell us to find peace (v. 33)? Is God first in your finances? Calculate what percent of your income goes to giving, saving, spending and debt? Who gets your leftovers, yourself or God? How could you reduce spending to give more, save more and pay off debt faster?

Wednesday

Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What would it look like for you to honor God with your “wealth” (all of your assets)? How could you honor Him with your house, car, recreational equipment, tools, appliances, etc.? How might that enable you to live SENT with neighbors?

Thursday

Read 1 Kings 17:8-16. How does this story strike you? This poor widow entrusted all she had to Elijah. Would you have done that? What did she learn about trusting God with everything she owned? It is possible for poor people to put God first in their finances. Sometimes the wealthy and powerful can learn much from those who have little.

Friday

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 11-17-19. How would you rate yourself on contentment? Does it help you to know that you can’t take any of your money with you? How are you investing in “good works” and “generosity”? Investing God’s work is “storing up treasure for the future”. It’s the good life. Enjoy it.