

## **Superficial - Part 3 - Our Stuff**

Intro: Previous Superficial attempts to wrestle with the topic

### **1. Foundational Truth - it all belongs to God**

Psalm 24 & 50

God is the good and generous giver (James 1)

### **2. Principles - What Does God intend for us to do with His Good gifts?**

Principle 1 – Stewardship – take care of and make productive

Caring for the needs of others (1 Timothy 5, James 1)

Principle 2 – Enjoyment

Asceticism rejected (1 Tim 4) – receive and enjoy good gifts with thanksgiving

### **3. Distinctively Christian**

Jesus leads us to generosity and contentment in the context of freedom

Generosity – 2 Cor 8

Spiritual Grace leads to material grace - people transformed by Jesus's grace are generous

Contentment – 1 Tim 6 – a valuable asset

Preserves you from money love, helps you see how much you have to be generous with

Freedom – No command about amounts and percentages – free to be creative and generous!

4. Conclusion – why do we need to make sure we are not superficial Christians when it comes to material stuff?

1. Idolatry
2. Plausibility
3. Eternity