

## Owners, Managers and Materialism

1 Chronicles 29:10-16

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Typical questions about God and Money

- Why don't I ever seem to have anything left to give away?
- If God is so rich is money really important to Him?
- Why is there so much emphasis on money and possessions in the Bible?
- Isn't what we do with our money our business? Surprising observations

Mark 12:41-44; Luke 12:16-22.

Defining our roles:

1. The job of ownership
  - a. God is **possessor.**
  - b. God has **the power.**
  - c. God is **our provider.**
2. The job of stewardship – **Obedient ownership**
  - a. *1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*  
Steward – Someone an owner **entrusts** with the management of his assets
  - b. Primary Goal of a steward - **to be found faithful** in managing the owner's assets.
  - c. Unavoidable Facts about our stewardship: (Matt 25:14-30)
    - i. All are given a steward's **resources**
    - ii. All are given a steward's **responsibilities**
    - iii. All are going to face a steward's **reckoning.**
3. The Lies of Materialism
  - a. Only non-Christians are materialists
  - b. Our possessions define us - Luke 12:15
  - c. Only pagans are idolaters - Colossians 3:5

Think about this:

- Since God owns everything: Every financial decision is a **spiritual decision.**
- Stewardship is not a sub-category of the Christian life: **It is the Christian Life.**
- The owner will return and he will **demand an accounting** of all.

*Rom 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*