

Session Three - Stewardship gives you Life

“We are all seekers of life. Where we look for life will unveil our hearts and uncover our treasure.”

What are the challenges?

1. Cultural Challenges – Woman at the well. John 4:4-42
 - a. Money, Sex, and Power – What do all three of these whisper to us?
 - b. Geographic Influence – missions, governments, economies
 - c. The American Dream –
2. Generational Challenges –
 - a. Change – If you live one more day, you will experience change.
 - b. Family – Expectations, influence, history
 - c. Church – preferences, patterns, and the past
3. Identity Challenges – Rich Young Ruler, Mark 10:17-31

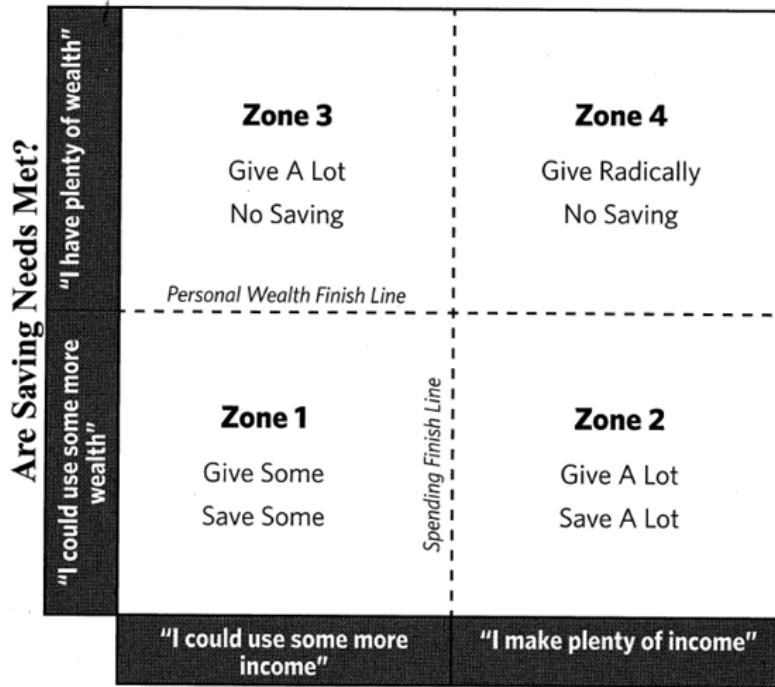
The 4 C's – Competition, Conquering, Career, Comfort

What is the Answer to true life? John 14:16 – “the way, the truth, and the life”

1. Guarding your Heart – Proverbs 4:23
2. Living an integrated life on mission for God's glory. I Corinthians 10
3. Functioning within a community of Grace. Romans 14 (especially verses 7- 9)
4. Walking in and being responsive to the Spirit so that a life of fruit results. Galatians 5:16-26. (this connects to walking by faith and giving)

What are some practical things that can be done to lead to a greater life of stewardship for the Lord?

1. Understand which zone you are in and which zone you may be in at a future date.



Are Spending Needs Met?

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2. Pay down debt. Proverbs 22:7 – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, develop a decision tree.



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3. Have an emergency Fund.
4. Live within a budget that allows for giving and saving.
5. Give – time, abilities, yourself are all important but cash must also be a part.

6. Save – Don't be obsessed but don't ignore it.
7. Plan – Taxes, Insurance, Estate planning, retirement planning
8. Explore Strategies like IRA RMD's if over 70.5 and donor advised funds.
9. Develop a family mission statement.
10. Consider your Estate – It is a legacy of Financial Capital, Social Capital and Spiritual Capital.

Starter questions

What does living a wartime Christian lifestyle mean?

How do we know how much to save, give, pay down debt, spend?

Is it OK for Christians to spend money on nice things or experiences? If so, how much is too much?

What are some practical ideas to help regulate my finances?