

STEWARDSHIP 20 JUNE 2010, DURHAM

Everything is God's

1 Cor 10:26

26 for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

James 4:14

You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

We have been created for eternity

He has also set eternity in the hearts of men

Ecc1 3:11

God's generosity to us

5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A steward of his Generosity

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upmyrinWq64>

Matt 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Money

There are three types of giving that we can be involved in:

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Grudge giving "I have to"

Duty giving "I ought to"

Thanks giving "I want to"

Acts 20:35

remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Freedom giving

Matt 6:31-34

31 So do not worry , saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Breaking Bread

- ✪ Greater comprehension of God's great generosity to us
- ✪ Opportunity to reflect, to use this time to make a commitment in your heart before God to make a change.
- ✪ Value the resources you have, and make a commitment to use them to impact on God's purposes.
- ✪ Renewal of heart joy in giving avoid the Standing order trap

Questions for SGs

How do you handle the responsibility of being among the top 10% richest people in the world?

How generous is God?

Do you know where you are a good steward; are there areas that you wish to improve?

What experience do you have of the joy of giving?

How do you think you grow in faith for hilarious generous giving?

Resources

Money Possessions & eternity - Randy Alcorn

Celebration of Discipline - Simplicity chapter Forster