

MARINERS CHURCH



Habits of Managing "My" Money

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Economics: taking care of someone else's stuff.

God owns everything.

The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours—you created it all. Psalm 89:11

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine" declares the Lord Almighty. Haggai 2:8

I own nothing.

God lets me use His stuff.

God asks me to use His stuff for His purpose.

"A man was going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last. He then left on his trip.

The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money." - Jesus, Matthew 25:14-18

God wants us to use His stuff for what He needs it to be used for.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

I have what I have to further God's work in the world.



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And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Cor. 9:8

God asks me to give His money back.

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3:8

"If are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones." -Jesus, Luke 16:12,10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 3:10-11

For your LifeGroup and personal growth time.

Why do you think money is such a sensitive topic in church? Rate yourself (1-10) on how healthy and godly your feelings about money. Talk about why you gave yourself that number.

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. What things are being said about money and about our attitude toward it?

How do you feel about God's 'stuff' vs. our 'stuff'?

How much savings is 'enough'? How do you figure out how much is enough?

How much "giving" is enough? How do you figure out how much is enough?

Pray together and support each other!

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