

On Purpose
week 2 – Our Money

Romans 12:1-2, 21 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you.

Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect....Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

James 2:17 (NLT) So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

Key #1: We are just _____

Psalms 24:1 (NLT) The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Job 41:11 (NIV) Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.

Psalms 50:7-12 (NLT) "O my people, listen as I speak. Here are my charges against you, O Israel: I am God, your God! I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer. But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

2 Chronicles 31:10-12 (NKJV) Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for the LORD has blessed His people; and what is left is this great abundance." Now Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them. Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) ¹⁰Bring 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.

Key #2: It's not really about money; it's about your _____

Luke 16:13-14 (NLT) "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Key #3: God is our _____, not the world

Matthew 6:32b-33 (NLT) your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Key #4: If your heart is right it opens the path to

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT) But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Luke 6:38 (NLT) Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

"More money simply magnifies who you already are." Dave Ramsey, *The Legacy Journey*

Matthew 25:23 (NLT) "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Final Challenge: As a Christ follower you are a manager of _____, are you handling them on purpose?