

## Money Myths and Principles:

### The Myth of Ownership

! UNDERSTANDING \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*

*1 Corinthians 6: 19-20 (NLT)*

*The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.*

*(Luke 12:42-46 NIV)*

*So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.*

*(1 Corinthians 4:1 NIV)*

*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

*(1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV)*

*Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

*(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NIV)*

KEY PRINCIPLE: GOD OWNS \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT INCLUDES \_\_\_\_\_.

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;*

*(Psalms 24:1 NIV)*

*"The land must never be sold on a permanent basis, for the land belongs to Me. You are only foreigners and tenant farmers working for Me.*

*(Leviticus 25:23 NLT)*

*But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...*

*(Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV)*

! OWNERSHIP SAYS IT'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND I DON'T WANT TO \_\_\_\_\_  
IT, STEWARDSHIP SAYS IT'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND I GET TO \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

*For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?*

*(1 Corinthians 4:7 NIV)*

*Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.*

*(1 Chronicles 29:6-9 NIV)*

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

*(1 Chronicles 29:11-14 NIV)*

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"*

*(Luke 16:10-12 NIV)*