

“Stewardship Download”

Growth Groups Fall 2019

Part 3- “Moving From Anxiety To Trust... Finding The Freedom In Saving & Spending Wisely & Being Rich Toward God

Stewarding The Resources God Brings My Way
Week of October 6, 2019

1. Finding Freedom & Joy In Being Rich Towards God

- 1) Read Luke 12:16-21 (NIV), Jesus tells the story of a man who had choices to make concerning his growing resources. Read the story and discuss the following questions:
 - a. What was the financial condition of the man in the story *before* he took in the results of his current big crop as described in verse 16?
 - b. Look again at verse 18 and 19. What was this man planning to do with the abundance of the resources he had accumulated because of the extra big crop he had harvested?
 - c. Interesting that Jesus doesn't criticize the man for being rich or for having many resources. Look at vs. 20 & 21: what's Jesus criticizing this man for not doing?
 - d. Jesus says: this man was not rich towards God. That means, he had lots of his time & wealth invested in his life & family here, but he had little or nothing “invested” in advancing the Kingdom of God- **and it turned out this was his last day on earth!** Discuss how this guy must have felt learning, when it was too late, that he was poor towards God.
 - e. Jesus is telling us it's good for us, and good for His kingdom, when we choose to be rich towards God in this life. It breaks the control money can have on us & it makes us partners with Jesus in advancing His kingdom! Discuss the freedom & joy we can experience as we invest & give to God through our local church.
 - f. 2 Cor. 9:6-7, tells us that giving to God is a free-will experience with an incentive clause thrown in. Read the passage & discuss God's attitude about our giving!

2. Being Smart Savers & Investors- Is An Important Part of Being Good Stewards!

1. Having some savings for the “rainy days of life” is wise and Biblical. (Prov.21:20) Discuss what are some smart ways to develop a reserve “rainy day” fund for your life?
2. Investing for the future gives you a margin & a way to afford your life after your working days are done. **That gives another level of peace of mind for us.** Do you have a plan in place to get you there? If not, would you like assistance developing one? Don & Diana Calhoun offer a free resource in our church to help with that kind of planning!