

# Core Value #3

## Everything We Have Belongs to God. We are Just Stewards, Take 2

### 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

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Sermon Sketch: God gives us everything. When we give, we are returning to Him but a small portion of His own. Giving frees us from the tyranny of “stuff”

- 1) How has the challenge from Paul Barner that we all are part of the team with regard to cross cultural missions impacted how you have lived your life this past week? (On the Front Lines for Global Evangelism, 10/22/23)
- 2) Who in your life has been an example of a “cheerful” giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)? The word for cheerful here is a root for our word “hilarious”. Is giving a joy filled task for you?
- 3) Did you grow up with the idea of tithing? Was that a spiritual discipline that was hard to adjust to?
- 4) Malachi 3:10 is a verse often quoted when the issue of stewardship is raised. How have you personally experienced the old adage that “you can’t out give God.” How has God been faithful to, as Paul says, “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)?
- 5) Beyond financial supporting the Kingdom building effort in our world today, how are you using your time and talent to advance the cause of Christ on the earth today?

- 6) Have you ever considered “tithing” your time to the Lord? For example, if you work a 40-hour work week, could you give 4 hours a week to ministry efforts?
- 7) With billions of dollars spent every year to entice you to a life of ceaseless consumerism how do you fight the tug of the world?
- 8) How do you seek to emulate Paul who said of himself, “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” (Philippians 4:11) and who taught “But godliness with contentment is great gain,” (1 Timothy 6:6)?
- 9) How does the realization that God really owns everything you have in your possession change your perspective on your “stuff”? How does “giving hilariously” set you free from the tyranny of materialism?
- 10) What offering will you lift to the Lord in the week ahead (Romans 12:1)?

