

USEFUL TOOLS

- Make a personal and family mission statement-
- Set goals and limitations-
 - Consider your lifestyle and witness
 - Get out of the rat race-what's the prize?
 - More isn't always better
 - How much is enough?
- Make a budget – Live by a budget
 - Establish a control system
 - Manage it for maximum impact
 - Establish a ceiling on possessions, lifestyle, affluence

RESOURCES

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My Life and My Treasure

Mat. 13:44

This workshop will explore Biblical teachings on financial and material issues. The desired outcome will be a corrective adjustment of our attitudes about money and other treasures to conform to the New Testament standard. Participants will be challenged to answer critical question and be offered tools and ideas for managing this important aspect of the Christian life.

Key issues include:

Honest Assessment / Evaluation -
(Which kingdom am I living for?)

Attitude Adjustment -
(Moving from ownership into management)

Making the big Decisions -
(Do I really love God more than anything?)
(Do I love my neighbor as much as myself?)
(How much is enough?)

Tools for Training -
(Mission statements)
(Goals and plans)
(Budgets)

HONEST ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

What will you do with \$10,000?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What do I treasure? Where is my heart? (Mat.6:21)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

Who is the owner? (Psalms 24:1, Deut. 8:18)

Is God sovereign? (1 Samuel 2:7, Psalms 127:1-2)

Am I serving God or is He serving me? (Mat.6:24, Mark 8:34)

MANAGEMENT DECISIONS

(If it's really all God's what's my role?)

First things first – (Matthew 6:33)

What about me? Widow's mite - (Mark 12:41-44)
Rich fool – (Luke 12:16-21)

It's not about me – because it's not mine (Gal. 2:20)

Fairness – Not in it for the money (Mat 20:1-16)
Don't compare (John 21: 21-22)

Can God be trusted? (Prov. 3:5-6, Psalms 23)

Will He supply my needs? (Matt. 6:31-33)

Contentment - (Phil. 4:11-13, Heb. 13:5,
1 Tim. 6:6-8)

Use it or lose it – (Matthew 25:14-30)

What did I do with all that wealth? (Romans 14:12)

Much given, much expected – (Luke 12:48)

What about giving? (Acts 2:44-45, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2,
2 Corinthians 8:1-14, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Legalism – (Mat. 23:23)

What is required? (Mat. 22:37-40)