

Someone Else's Money
Matthew 25:14-30, I Chronicles 29:10-20
October 14, 2018

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3. Everything we have comes from _____.

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4. Everything we _____ belongs to God.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 ¹⁹ **Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

II Corinthians 8:5 **And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.**

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“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring 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 there will not be room enough to store it.

7. God has _____ His wealth to us.

Matthew 25:14 **Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.**

8. We are _____ according to our stewardship.

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I Corinthians 3:12-15 **12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.**

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1. With \$10 of God's money, I could _____.

- Bake cookies or favorite recipe. Sell or ask for donations at work/family.
- Take out an ad in the Sentinel.
 - Write letters to invite people to church
 - Make a facebook post about the church and "boost" it.
→ Even if they don't come or don't give, you've borne witness.
 - Put it in the bank and give the interest.
- On the one hand, if you do your best and lose money, "Well done."
- On the other hand, you can spend the money on candy. But it's not your money.

2. I feel _____ about being entrusted with God's money!

- How we feel about this \$10 may reflect how we feel about stewardship in general.

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■ Gospel

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■ Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life my all.

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- Everthing we have comes from God.
- Everything we are belongs to God.
- Everything belongs to God.
- So what percentage of what we have belongs to God?
- There's controversy about whether Christians should tithe.

6. 100% of what we have belongs to God.

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- In the Old Testament God required a tithe.
- It all belongs to God, and He wants us to use it ALL to His glory.

7. God has entrusted His wealth to us.

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- Talents (bags of gold)
- It isn't just about money.
- But Jesus uses money in the parable.
- So the parable is ALSO about money. And time. And talents.

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- It is true that we are saved by grace through faith.
- This doesn't mean that we are rewarded according to how much money we give to the church.
- We can't buy our way into heaven.
- But there are spiritual rewards here and now,
- And in heaven, there are rewards.

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