

## FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES THAT APPLY REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES:

- Understand that God owns it all
- Have long term written financial goals
- Maintain a readily available reserve
- Avoid the use of consumer debt and invest wisely
- Do not be anxious about your finances
- Any income we have is due to God's grace in our lives

### ABOUT MONEY:

- Money is not a measure of self worth (Eph. 2:10, Deut. 8:16, Prov. 22:2)
- Life does not consist of our possessions (1 Cor. 4:7)
- Money is not a reward for godly living (1 Cor. 3:13-15; Heb. 11)
- Money is not a guarantee of contentment (Eccl. 5:10; Phil. 4:11-13)
- Contentment comes from the process not the product (Eccl. 5:10-6:1)
- Money is not a measure of success (Joshua 1:8)

### MONEY IS:

- A Tool (Phil. 4:11-13) - To accomplish those things which God has laid upon our heart.
- A Test (Luke 16:11-13) - God can use it to measure our faithfulness.
- A Testimony (Matt. 5:13-16) - How we use our money should be different than the world and provide opportunity for the spreading of the Gospel.

### TEMPORAL APPROACH (WORLDLY)

Get rich quick  
Career  
Ownership  
Ease/Comfort  
Power/Prestige  
Self

### ETERNAL APPROACH (BIBLICAL)

Build wealth slowly  
Family  
Stewardship  
Growth  
Influence  
Others

“Your life will not be defined by prosperity as defined by the world, but by the posterity you leave behind.”

Prosperity (Psalm 49:10-13, 16-20; Prov. 11:4)

Worldly: The accumulation of good or how the world defines success.

Biblical: The development of a Godly posterity.

Posterity (Psalm 25:12-13; 37:25, 28-29, 37-38; 109:13-15)

The heritage/legacy left to future generations.

## FINAL THOUGHTS:

- You are successful and prosperous as you obey God and get involved in what is important to Him.
- It's not what we have, it's what we do with what we have.
- To determine what is important to God, you must spend time with God. (Joshua 1:8)