

The Treasure Principle

God owns everything. I am His money manager.

We are the managers of the assets God has entrusted - not given - to us.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

"Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth." (Deuteronomy 8:18)

"You are not your own; you were bought at a price."
(I Corinthians 6:19-20)

My heart always goes where I put God's money.

Watch what happens when you reallocate your money from temporal things to eternal things.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Heaven, not earth, is my home.

"We are citizens of a better country - a heavenly one." (Hebrews 11:16)

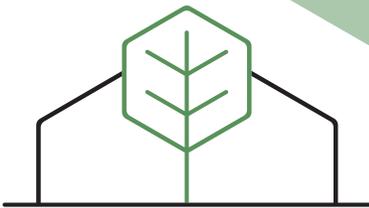
I should live, not for the dot but for the line.

From the dot - our present life on earth - extends a line that goes on forever, which is eternity in heaven.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot

"Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand."
(Ecclesiastes 5:15)

Solomon said, "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11)



LET'S GROW

Creating spaces to reach more faces.

Giving is the only antidote to materialism.

Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Him.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.

God gives us more money than we need so we can give - generously.

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."
(Leviticus 27:30)

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops."
(Proverbs 3:9)

"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 you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10-11)

"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." (Deuteronomy 16:17)

"See that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7b)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you," (Luke 6:38)

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion..." (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

"The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20: 35)