# MANAGING GOD'S MONEY #1

Becoming A Good Manager of God's Resources

Sunday Evening. February 28, 2016

I don't care where we eat as long as it's not the 12 places you just named.





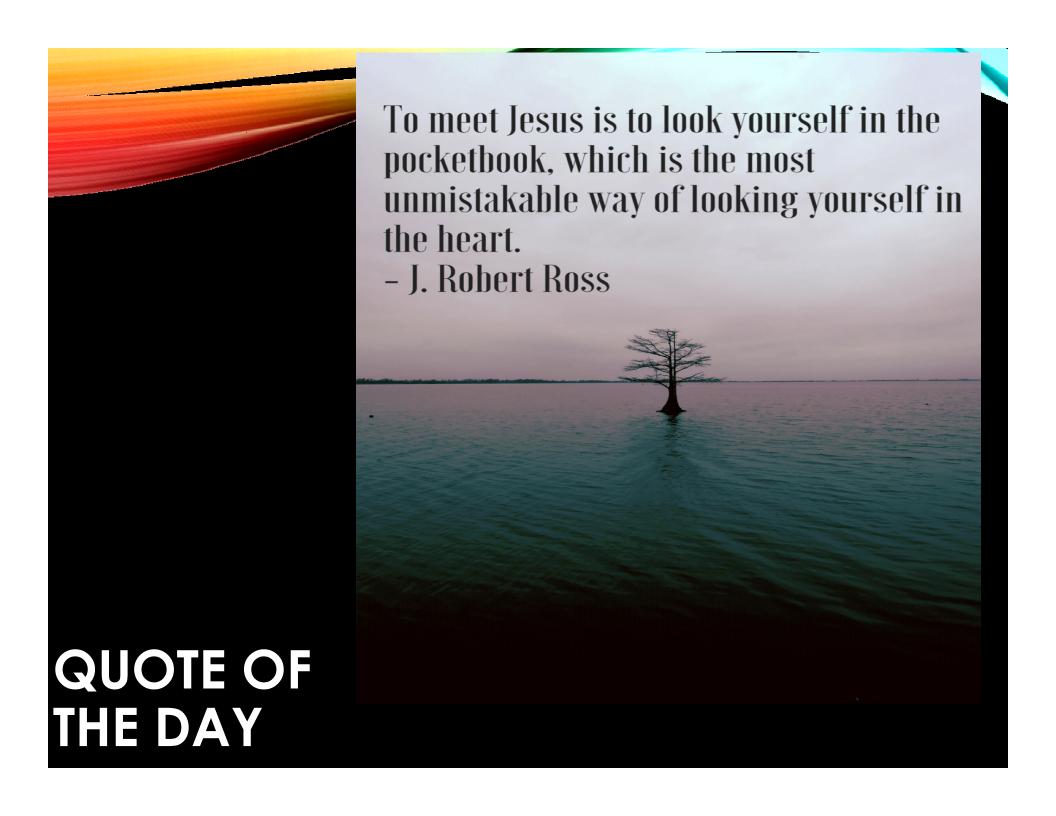


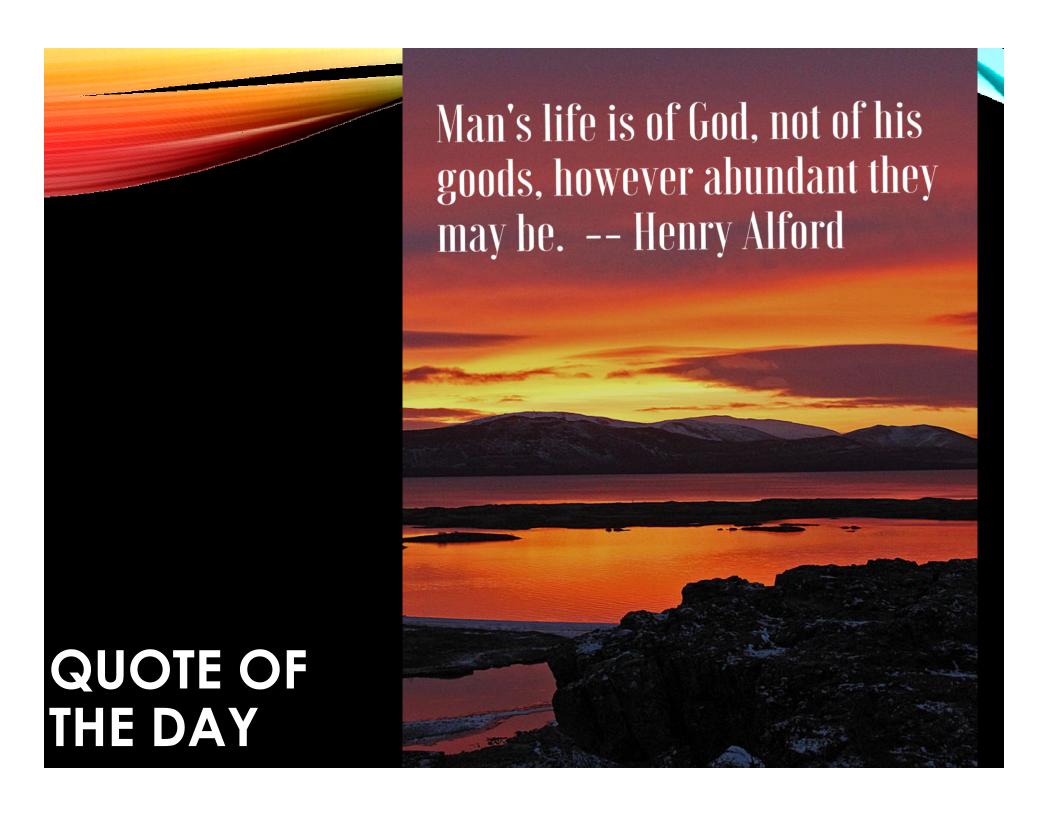
**JOKE OF THE DAY** 

## I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM MY MISTAKES, I'M THINKING OF MAKING A FEW MORE.

BUY SOME FUN STUFF
IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT,
BUT DON'T CHASE
HAPPINESS WITH MONEY.
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH IT.

QUOTE OF THE DAY





#### Goals for this Session:

- The Bible is the source of all truth.
- We spend time, talents and other resources based on our worldviews.
- \*We are stewards of God's resources.

A critical journey begins today. Start where you are: Joyful, hopeful, in debt, frustrated or otherwise. No challenge is too great for our Lord.

Mark 9:21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. 22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

#### ATTITUDE, BEHAVIOR & CHOICES. (ABC'S):

Money is ......

Important to God: Jesus said more about money, wealth and possessions than any other item.

A means of exchange that's exchanged for food, clothing, shelter and other things we desire.

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Worldviews establish Attitudes.

#### The right Attitude is to use money for God's Glory

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

#### The wrong Attitude is to love money.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

<u>Video on Christian Worldview</u>

#### You gotta be honest wit me:

- 1. What's your worldview?
- 2. What's the source of your choices?
- 3. Would you answer either of the above differently after analyzing your financial records for the past 6 months?

#### THE GAS PRINCIPLE:

This is the foundation for everything we do: it begins with surrendering our lives to Jesus and continues with obeying His Word.

#### God owns everything. Psalm 24:1-2

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

- ❖ We own nothing, but are mere managers of His resources.
- ❖ To function effectively as managers, we must know the Owner and His principles, objectives and policies.
- Jesus has given us all the time, talents and money necessary to do His Will.
- Listen to Him and obey Him--

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

#### **Accept what you have:**

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Accept who you are in Christ: Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Accept your present situation, whatever it is, as an opportunity to grow in Christ as the basis for change. It's through conflicts, trials and difficulties that we progress.

When you accept your circumstance you don't become a victim -- requiring someone else to fix your condition! Ask the Lord to teach you to be content. Contentment brings peace and gratitude, among other things, and allows you to experience and enjoy the moment as you move ahead in His time.

Video- How to Properly Master Your Money

2-kings 4:1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

#### Seek first His Kingdom:

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

This is the starting line and the bottom line - on our knees. "These things" in Matthew 6:33 don't include the "toys" merchants encourage us to buy. Accept this fact! He does provide for our needs!

#### Submit our requests to Him:

Proverbs 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

We understand that Jesus is in control of our lives and he doesn't need our help!

Submit to him, seek his will for you, obey Jesus' teachings, and talk and listen to Him regularly - be patient, wait on Him.

#### You gotta be honest wit me:

- Do you accept your stewardship responsibilities?
- What would Jesus say about your attitude towards money, wealth and possessions?

### Homework for the Week (Homework Whaaaaaaat?)

#### **Get Organized!!**

- 1. Designate a personal money space
- 2. Have the right home office tools:
  - a. File cabinet
  - b. Shredder
  - c. Fireproof safe or firebox
  - d. Go paperless
- 3. Create a personal financial directory



