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Series: God In My Everything

Introduction

Our practices and habits _____.

The Bible on Money

- The Bible has over 2000 verses about money, wealth, and possessions.
- 16 of Jesus' 38 parables deal with money and possessions.
- 1 out of every 10 verses in the Gospels deal with money.

A few fundamental biblical principles on money:

1. **God owns** _____. Psalm 24:1 - *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it...*

Psalm 50:10-12 - *every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.*

2. **Money and wealth are** _____.

3. It's why there are some _____ **in scripture** about money:

- **Don't** _____ **it.** (Matthew 6:24 - *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.)*)
- **Don't** _____ **it.** (1 Timothy 6:9-10 - *Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.)*)
- **Don't be fooled into thinking that your life consists of your** _____ **and** _____. (cf. Luke 12:13-21)

Faithfulness = _____ **friends for the Kingdom**

Luke 16:1-9 - ¹ Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' ⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ *I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.*

This story has confused a lot of people.

- A fair number of commentators have tried to make the manager not _____ because Jesus makes him a _____.
- Can Jesus really mean for him to be a role model for us, and if so, in what way?

What does he do that's _____? He banks on _____, not on money.

Other notes