

Today's Message Outline: "Kingdom Economics"

Kingdom Economics 101

"What we give away we get to **keep** forever,
what we keep we leave **behind** forever."

Kingdom Economics 201

"God does not need my **money**, it already belongs to him."

"For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.¹¹ I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine." - Psalm 50: 10-12 (ESV)

"And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts." - Haggai 2:7-8 (ESV)

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)*

"No more baby steps, this ain't Gerber!"

- Non-Giver Guy
 - The Investment Giver
 - The Clueless Giver
 - The Excuse Maker
 - The Manipulator
- Financial Peace University
 - Go to www.lifeChurch.tv Click on the tab "Watch." There you will find four sermons from a series entitled "Strapped."

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"You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." - Malachi 3:9-10 (ESV)

My Own Worst Enemy Series / week 5

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A Prayer For ... Generosity

Father, your ways and your thoughts are higher than my ways and my thoughts. Renew my mind.

Remind me that I am secure only when my life is fully hidden inside of Your Life. Remind me that You have blessed me so that I may be a blessing to others. I confess that I often don't consider You in my financial decisions, and frequently use my resources for selfish pursuits of financial gain and momentary pleasure. I confess that I often view my resources as my own possessions that I have earned for myself, rather than viewing them as gifts that You entrust to me.

Father, forgive me for the ways that I have misused the resources You have entrusted to me, and for not using them to be a blessing to others. Father, forgive me for the way that I hold tightly to possessions and believe that through them I will find enduring security. Lord, empower me to view the resources You have blessed me with as belonging to You and to Your Kingdom. Lord, empower me to be a righteous steward of Your resources, so that through my work Your Kingdom may grow.

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."
Proverbs 11:24 (ESV)

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What part of the sermon impacted you most? What part of the sermon is a struggle for you?
2. Read all of Matthew 6. What are the themes of this chapter? How do verses 19 – 21 fit into the overall theme of the chapter?
3. Which of the five "tithers" (from the video) do you tend to be more like?
4. Read Malachi 3: 6-12. Why do you think God's language is so strong here? Do you think you are robbing God? How do you think He would actually want us to test Him? How could you go about testing Him in the coming season?