

TALK IT OVER

Financial Health

BOTTOM LINE

Seeing your resources as God sees them will make you more inclined to do with them as God says. It will revolutionize your life.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What gift have you given to someone that made you happy and satisfied?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear? What do you think? What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- <u>Live Generous</u> by Andy Stanley (27 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy. to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 NIV

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Luke 16:9 NIV

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10 NIV

"We see the world not as it is, but as we are - or as we are conditioned to see it." - Stephen Covev

"When we see as God sees, we are more likely to do as God says." - Dwight Mason

"We ask the question, 'What will I have to show for it' Jesus asked a better question: 'Who will you have to show for it?'" - Dwight Mason

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Our perspective is the way we see the world, and it could be holding us back. How do we healthily evaluate our perspective? Do you recognize any part of your perspective on money/finances that has held you back? Paul says renewing the mind is seeking to see my world, myself, my opportunities and potential as God sees it. What are the thoughts/attitudes/actions that alert us to whether or not we are seeing as God sees? The parable of the shrewd manager is disconcerting without understanding this: Jesus says to use what you have wisely and generously so when this life is over and you step into eternity, people there will welcome you because of what you did with what you had. How does that speak to you? Who is someone you will "welcome" because of what they did with what they had? Discuss: From God's perspective in eternity, it all looks the same. We are all given the task of doing all we can with what we have been given. If our resources are given as a TEST and a TOOL and they become our TRADEMARK, what is most important to you right now?

ACTION STEP

I will set aside time to consider how God's perspective can become mine. I will live for eternity with my resources by ...

