

THE THINGS WE DO

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What is most important to you? A person, an object, an idea? How much money do you spend every month on what's most important?

READ: Acts 2:44-45

FOCUS: Everything we own or possess has been given to us by God we are just stewards or managers.

OBSERVE:

"We are what we repeatedly do...." - William Durant on Aristotle in "The Story of Philosophy."

- As believers in Christ, we profess that Jesus is the center of our lives and we have given Him full control. We are supposed to allow Him full reign over all our affairs, for that is the only way to truly live a fulfilled Christian life. Yet sometimes, if we are honest with ourselves, we do not always give God full control. Sometimes we compartmentalize our lives and pick which aspects God is allowed to be in control of.
- When it comes to the idea of money, for many of us, our money is our treasure! Our hearts lie with our treasures and our passions. We will do anything for what or who we feel is most important. As a Christian, that important throne ought to be occupied by Jesus.
- We know that we are letting Jesus be sovereign over our finances when we exhibit habits of giving that are sacrificial, regular, inspired by the Holy Spirit and together with the community of believers for the advancement of God's Kingdom mission and the benefit of others. We also know that we are submitting our finances to God when we can overcome our concerns that we are not making a difference, when we overcome the lie that we own our money and when we overcome the distrust we may feel toward God and others.

TAKING ACTION:

- Let's make a conscious decision today to completely surrender everything, including our earthly treasures, that we have been holding back from God and completely make Him the Lord of our lives.
- Consider joining our Financial Stewardship discipleship class as part of your journey on the King's Park discipleship path. It will be offered this coming fall and is geared to help you continue growing in your ability to steward the resources God has given you.

REFLECT:

- Who is really most paramount in our lives? God or something else? What do we spend most of our money on? God's agenda or our own agenda?
- When we do give to things of God, how willing are we to give? Do we give out of our abundance or sacrificially?

PRAY:

Lord, we give You all of ourselves, including our treasures and our money. We ask that You use it all for Your glory. Help us to store up treasures in heaven where it can't be destroyed. Lord Jesus, we ask that You would give us hearts overflowing with joy in partnering with Your Kingdom plans through our giving. We love You, Jesus, and we place our hope in You to overcome all that would prevent us from giving out of our abundance and our lack, in Jesus' name. Amen.

