

D-1: Entrusting Your Finances to God

Colossians 1:15-20; Matthew 25:14-25

Main Idea: The foundational discipline when getting back to basics is one that Jesus talked about all the time: entrusting our finances to God. To do this we need to remember God's role and our role with respect to finances.

1. *GOD'S ROLE IS TO OWN WHAT WE POSSESS – The question is why?*
Colossians 1:15-20

- A. Paul writes to the Colossians to correct their misunderstanding about Jesus.
- B. God owns all we possess for four reasons.
- C. The question most political philosophies wrestle with revolves around who owns your money.
- D. Two applications.

2. *OUR ROLE IS TO MANAGE ALL THAT GOD OWNS – The question is how?*
Matthew 25:14-25

- A. This idea is brought forth in the parable of the talents.
- B. The meaning of the parable.
- C. The motivation in the parable to invest: a proper understanding of the master's character.

3. *THREE WORTHY GOALS.*

- A. *Be grateful* – Gratefulness is the foundation of faithfulness.
- B. *Be faithful* – The first step toward faithfulness with finances is the discipline of grace giving.
- C. *Be watchful* – The master is coming back.