

August 28, 2022 Friendships

Encouraging Right Relationships

THE PURPOSE FOR THIS SERIES

Transformation & Equipping

THE GOAL OF THIS SERIES:

FULLY DEVOTED DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Romans 12:1... *Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, **but be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, **so that you may discern what is the good**, pleasing, and perfect will of God.* (HSCB)

Today we continue our new sub-series in our year-long emphasis on Discipleship. It is entitled Transformation Discipleship. We will look specifically into eight (8) areas of our life that need to be transformed by Christ if we are to be the Loving, Genuine Disciples that God desires and deserves.

1. **FAITH: Nurturing the Soul**
2. **FOCUS: Renewing Your Mind**
3. **FEELINGS: Submitting our Emotions to God's Design**
4. **FOOD & FITNESS: Caring For Your Body**
5. **FRIENDS: Encouraging One Other**
6. **FINANCES: Becoming a Good Steward**
7. **FUNCTION: Developing Your Work/Career into a Ministry**

"The Bible contains 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,350 verses on money and possessions – 15% of everything that is recorded in the Bible as spoken from Jesus, deals with money". (Dayton, p. 8)

Key Concepts of Discipleship & Stewardship

1. **It All Belongs To God**
2. **God Desires To Use Money To Develop Our Trust, Build our Faith & Accomplish His Purposes**
3. **One Day We Will Give An Account To God**

1. It All Belongs To God

Deuteronomy 8:18... *Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*

Romans 11:36... *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.*

2. God Desires To Use Money To Develop Our Trust, Build our Faith & Accomplish His Purposes

Hebrews 13:5... *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

1 Timothy 6:17-19... *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

3. One Day We Will Give an Account To God

Do's & Don'ts

- Do Trust God as Your Source and Supplier
- Do Choose To Live a Life of Wise Generosity

Money Mutt- Giving on Vimeo
<https://vimeo.com/131795592>

Do Give the first 10% back to God.
But be generous with the remaining amount as well

Malachi 3:7-12... *Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of Hosts. But you ask: “How can we return?”⁸ “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me!” You ask: “How do we rob You?” “By not making the payments of the tenth and the contributions.”⁹ You are suffering under a curse, yet you—the whole nation—are still robbing Me.¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way,” says the LORD of Hosts. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not ruin the produce of your land and your vine in your field will not fail to produce fruit,” says the LORD of Hosts.¹² “Then all the nations will consider you fortunate, for you will be a delightful land,” says the LORD of Hosts.*

➤ Do Set up a Budget, Keep good records, Save Invest & Plan for the future.

Proverbs 21:20... *The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.*

Proverbs 13:11... *Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.*

Proverbs 24:27... *Complete your outdoor work, and prepare your field; afterward, build your house*

Proverbs 27:23, 24...²³ *Know well the condition of your flock, and pay attention to your herds,* ²⁴ *for wealth is not forever; not even a crown lasts for all time.*

Don't's

- **Don't Waste Your Money**
- **Don't Love It Or Live For It**
- **Don't Trust It For Security**
- **Don't Expect It To Satisfy**

Take-Away:

**Acknowledge God as Owner, we are His stewards,
and use your resources wisely for God's glory.**