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1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT) But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

We BELIEVE we... Should be GOOD STEWARDS

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

A Steward- is Responsible for OVERSEEING and MANAGEMENT of Resources. Wikipedia

A STEWARD acted as a Supervisor or Administrator, Overseeing Finances and Property. D. Rainey

-> CREATION

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and SUBDUE IT.

Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

1 Timothy 6:17 (HCS)

Instruct those who are rich in the present age NOT to be ARROGANT or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.

-> SPIRITUAL - GIFTS

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) As each has received a gift, use it to <u>serve one another</u>, as good STEWARDS of God's varied grace:

A spiritual gift cannot be earned, or demanded. It is to be RECEIVED as a gift of God's grace. ...believers do not **OWN** these **gifts**, God has given these gifts for them to develop and use for the **benefit** of the church and for His glory. MacArthur

→TIME

Psalm 31:15 (NIV) My TIMES are in YOUR hands... My FUTURE is in YOUR hands... (NLT)

Job 14:5 (NIV) Man's DAYS are Determined; YOU have Decreed the number of his months and have SET LIMITS he cannot exceed.

We are ALL on
BORROWED Time

FINANCES - RESOURCES

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If God is Blessing you Financially...

- do NOT let Money or Things take your
 EYES OFF of Him
- do NOT become STINGY

A GOOD Steward...

- will be CONTENT with what God provides
- will Love God MORE than Money or Stuff

Just because I can AFFORD IT -does not mean I SHOULD buy IT

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

->FAITHFUL

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 One should <u>think about us</u> this way as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.
 Now what is sought in STEWARDS is that one be found FAITHFUL. Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my little apple tree and pay my debts. Martin Luther

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NET) So then whether we are alive or away, we make it our ambition to please HIM. [10] For we must all appear before the **JUDGMENT SEAT of Christ**, so that each one may be paid back according to what he has done while in the body, whether good or evil.

Truths about STEWARDSHIP...

D. Rainey

- God OWNS it ALL
- God SUPPLIES for ALL our Needs
- ALL Financial Decisions are really SPIRITUAL
 Decisions
- Money may be a TOOL to be used to
 ACCOMPLISH God's plans
- ATTITUDES about Money will Drive ACTIONS
 regarding Money
- The core issue about money is NOT the AMOUNT - it is the our ATTITUDE towards it

Question for Reflection: Does my ATTITUDE and PRACTICE reflect the Biblical Truths that God OWNS it ALL and that I am a STEWARD of ALL that He has ENTRUSTED to me?