

New Song Community Church
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God Must Be First in All Things

Since we believe the word of God that states “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” there is no sound reason that He should play a secondary role in anything that relates to anything He created. There is one key word that relates to the money we present to the Lord that if we comprehend its meaning, we will be free from doubt, fear and unbelief in relationship to money and who it really belongs to.

Our exercise this week will center on your honest answers to questions that directly relate to your money and your personal philosophy of who it belongs to and the decisions that are made about how it is distributed and used.

Question 1:

Do you believe you are a good manager (steward) of your money?

- A. I budget my money carefully
- B. I save some money on a consistent basis
- C. I avoid spending money without prayerful consideration

Question 2

What term best describes you as it relates to money?

- A. Generous giver
- B. Bargain hunter
- C. Frivolous spender

Question 3

Do you believe tithing is a good benchmark foundation and spiritual discipline to enhance your faith and trust in the Lord?

- A. Do you bring your tithe to the Lord as an offering of first fruits?
- B. Do you find joy in giving?
- C. Does the thought of offerings beyond your tithe bring you satisfaction?

Question 4

What is your thought process when people ask you for money?

- A. I immediately dismiss my responsibility based on my assessment of the person and their perceived circumstances
- B. I immediately ask the Holy Spirit how I should respond
- C. I look for something deeper that I can offer that can do more for the person than the money can.

Question 5

In your plans for the future, what is the legacy that you would like to leave behind that you are building with the money that that Lord has given you to manage?

- A. I want to leave money behind for family and friends that will let them know that I love them.
- B. I desire to invest in the advancement of the gospel to reach unchurched and impoverished people.
- C. Does your desire for personal comfort and pleasure override your sense of investing resources in things that would build the kingdom of God?

Question 6

If you seek the kingdom of God first what things do you believe the Lord will add to your life?

- A. Have you reached the level of maturity in Jesus to know the difference between wants and needs?
- B. Can you enjoy luxury and favor without guilt or shame?
- C. Can you accept the word of God that expresses “no good thing will the Lord withhold from those he loves?”

Putting the Lord first will allow your spiritual walk to be filled with righteousness, peace and joy. The word declares “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” As believers we can enjoy all of the benefits of money and the joy of giving and receiving it knowing that we have made the Lord our first priority.