Lesson 6: Wednesday September 29, 2021

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**Spiritual Disciplines- Financial Stewardship**

\* Take a moment to be sure everyone knows each other and if not do a little introduction.

**The spiritual discipline of stewardship is our privileged opportunity to be faithful managers of God’s provisions and God’s purposes for God’s glory and the good of His creation!**

1. **Deuteronomy 8:17-18** You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

**1 Corinthians 4:7** What makes you better than anyone else? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why boast as though you have accomplished something on your own?

**1 Chronicles 29:14** (NIV) says, “Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

* **Do you see that our money and provisions ultimately belong to the Lord?**
* **How have you struggled with this in the past? How might you be struggling with it now?**
* **Do you see that we must start here if we are looking to be good stewards of our finances? WHY?**

1. **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.

* **Do you understand that most of us who live in America are qualified as rich in comparison to the rest of the World? Do you feel rich? If so, why? If not, why?**
* **Does it change how you feel when you consider all that you have been given in Christ and how that even changes your view of what makes you rich?**
* **Talk as a group about how we can better honor what Paul is calling for here in 1 Timothy 6.**

1. **Are you disciplined to practice monthly budgeting your finances? In what ways do you see you need to grow in this practice? In what ways can you be guilty of neglecting good stewardship by not practicing this discipline?**
2. **Why is it so important that the first thing we do with our monthly income is to give to the work of the Christ church for the fulfillment of the great commission? In what ways can we all grow in this?**

\*If someone in your group is struggling with embracing this as a command of God and a worthy spiritual discipline, offer to help and or offer to follow up with them.

1. **Let’s look at the Budget Outline: Were their certain items or categories that were new to you and worth considering adding to your financial management and or needing better attention moving forward.**

\*If someone is in need of help learning basic money management and budgeting offer to help and or promote the ***Financial Peace*** class that we offer once or twice a year.

1. **In what ways can we support and hold accountable each other to grow in this discipline?**

**Close in Prayer:**

\*please be done by 8pm and encourage your parents to pick up their kids and invite them to fellowship in the quad after.