

Sermon Title: **“Back To The Basics Of Biblical Stewardship”**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 6:19-34**

Introduction:

“The Foundational Facts of Biblical Stewardship.”

Foundational Fact #1 - God **owns everything!** (Deuteronomy 8:18; Psalms 24:1; Haggai 2:8; Romans 11:36a; 6:19-20)

Foundational Fact #2 - As His **children**, we are His **stewards!** (I Corinthians 4:1-2)

Foundational Fact #3 - God has given us everything that we have to be enjoyed and used for the **accomplishment** of His eternal **goals** and **puroposes** (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 5:16-6:2; 8:1-12)

Foundational Fact #4 – As His stewards, we are **accountable** for what we do with what belongs to Him! (Matthew 24:14-30)

▪ ***When it comes to giving there are 3 Key Biblical Principles that must be both recognized and understood:***

1) Giving is not about **money** - it's about **God!**

2) Giving is not about what God wants **from you** - it's about what God wants **for you!** (II Corinthians 12:14-15)

3) Giving is not about what we do with **what we have** - it's about what we do with what **God has given** to us!

“Our problem isn't the discovery of something new; our problem is being obedient in what we already know!”

I. There Is A Principle To Remember (vv 21, 24)

“We can all talk about how much something means to us, but at the end of the day (or the year) our checkbook is what tells the truth!”

An insightful conclusion: our hearts are a moveable objects!

- It's not wrong to own nice things, but we are in a dangerous place **when those nice things own us!**
- *Proverbs 3:9-10; Philippians 4:10-20*
- When you put God first with your life and your money the result is a **breadth of blessing** and a **depth of joy** that is unexplainable!

II. **A Priority To Follow** (v 33a)

- What does it mean to “*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.*”
- *Luke 12:33; 14:13-14*

According to Jesus, giving is the best way to provide security for our own needs!

- *The true measure* of your life is how you spend your time and how you spend your money!

“God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.” Randy Alcorn

III. **A Promise to Believe** (vv 33b-34)

- What are “*all these things?*”

“God already knows the details of every problem in your life! So go ahead, tell him the whole story. He won't be surprised! He promises to take care of you!”

- **What is it that keeps you from enjoying the radical freedom that comes from trusting God with our money?** I'm convinced the answer is either **greed** or **fear** – and both are **sinful!**

Conclusion:

If we want to “*lay up treasures in heaven*” (v 19), then we must serve God and not money (v 24), we must seek first God's kingdom (v 33), and we must not worry about tomorrow (v 34). ***When we live like this, God will take care of all the details of life!***