



**Building Courageous Wealth (Part 4)  
(Questions About What You Have)**

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**Series Review:** Matthew 25:14-30

1. Using What You Have (August 5th)
2. Investing What You Have (August 12th)
3. Learning From What You Have (August 19th)
4. Questions About What You Have (Is this your best?)

**Statement:** Some questions will never need to be answered if we make better life choices

**Example:**

- What should you do when you run out of gas on the freeway two days in a row?

**I. Courageous Wealth Questions (Part 1)**

1. Why do some people have more wealth (or health and well-being) than others?
2. How do you approach people with more wealth than you have?
3. How long does it take to build the kind of wealth you need?
4. Why do some people avoid asking for help from people with more talents?
5. Why are some five-talent people hesitant to share with one-talent people?

**Answers:**

1. Some people have more talents, sow more, and desire more
2. Approach them with a desire to learn with **mature admiration**
3. All the guys with talents had the same amount of time, but they invested their time differently (Matthew 25:19)
4. Some people don't like to be around people who do better and challenge them to do more
5. Some five-talent people are selfish and fearful they will lose their talent (Matthew 16:25)

**Balance:** Sharing your talents with competitors can be unwise in some business contexts. But, we are not competitors as believers, we are on the same team (1 Corinthians 3:9)

**II. Courageous Wealth Questions (Part 2)**

**Questions:**

1. Is it wrong to desire wealth?
2. Is it wrong for a Pastor to ask you to give?
3. Why did God establish the tithe?
4. How do you tithe the right way when you are living paycheck to paycheck?
5. Do you believe that tithing is an option?



**Answer:**

1. No, Deuteronomy 28:1-2;15 says wealth is the result of obedience
2. No, Jesus said to ask, seek, and knock (Matthew 7; I Corinthians 9:11)
3. To enable fulltime focus on serving people (1 Timothy 5:18), and to provide meat for his house (Malachi 3:10)
4. Stop living paycheck to paycheck. Have a courageous conversation about your money, make some changes, develop a plan, build new wealth, set new priorities, and **walk by faith toward tithing.**
5. **No, tithing is not an option because giving is not an option considering Luke 6:38, Leviticus 27:30, and Malachi 3:10?**

**Scripture References**

- **Matthew 25:19** After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- **Matthew 16:25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
- **1 Corinthians 3:9** For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, *you are* God’s building.
- **Deuteronomy 28:1-2** “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:
- **Deuteronomy 28:15** “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you
- **Matthew 7:1-8** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- **1 Corinthians 9:11** If we have sown spiritual things for you, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things?
- **1 Timothy 5:18** For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer *is* worthy of his wages.”
- **Luke 6:38**, Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
- **Leviticus 27:30** And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD’s. It *is* holy to the LORD.
- **Malachi 3:10** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*