

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:

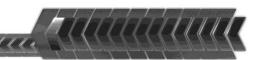
- 1. Some people have more talents, sow more, and desire more
- 2. Approach them with a desire to learn with **mature admiration**
- **3.** All the guys with talents had the same amount of time, but they invested their time differently (Matthew 25:19)
- 4. Some people don't like to be around people who 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. ² 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. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- **I 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*.

