

"Me, My Stuff & God Making Change Series" Pastor Mark 11.8.20

To Make Change to have more financial space, I must understand:

- 1) **EVERYTHING** I have belongs to God
 - "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." Psalm 24:1
 - "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. <u>Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need</u>." Matthew 6:31

2) God wants us to be GOOD MANAGERS

- *"After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money." Matthew 25:19*
- Why do we fail to be good stewards? "...I was afraid..." Matthew 25:24
- "Riches can disappear fast, so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds." Proverbs 27:23-24
- When we understand everything is God's, & we're just managers, then every financial decision is really a **SPIRITUAL DECISION**!

3) God will REWARD GOOD MANAGERS

- Gratitude turns what we have into ENOUGH!

APPLICATION:

- Start with "10-90" (10% <u>TITHE</u>, 90% <u>LIVING</u>)
- Then over time move to "10-10-80" (10% <u>TITHE</u>, 10% <u>SAVINGS</u>, 80% <u>LIVING</u>
- Join Financial small group in January!