

“READING THE FINE PRINT”

Balanced: Gaining & Maintaining Financial Stability, Part 2
October 25th, 2009

Three Laws of Physical Balance

Law 1: You must have the proper Reference point

“You’ve got to be knowing where your money’s going”

Law 2: You must make constant corrections

Law 3: You must have a clear objective

What Is Our Basic Overall Objective When It Comes To Money?

1 Chronicles 29:10-11 (NIV) “David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, ‘Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,...”

God, it’s all about You

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV) “...for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;”

Everything belongs to God

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NIV) “...You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

Not only does everything belong to God, but everything comes from God

1 Chronicles 29:12 (NIV) “In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.”

What you’ve accomplished, God has enabled you to do

Not only does everything belong to God, but everything comes from God, and ultimately everything is dispensed by God

1 Chronicles 29:13-14 (NIV) “Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

Everything belongs to God, everything comes from God, everything is distributed by God as He sees fit

The one thing that should drive all of our financial decisions and all of the decisions that have anything to do with all our stuff should be: Honor God

We wrongly think, "God, here's your 10%. I get the 90% to do whatever I want"

Scripture teaches we are to honor God, not with a percentage, but we are to honor God with all of it

We are afraid if we honor God with everything, He's going to take something

God doesn't want something from you, He wants something for you
John 3:16 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

When you get to the point where you can honestly say, "God, I want to honor you with everything, all of it," there is a freedom and peace that liberates you

Would you pray this prayer, "God, show me how to honor You with everything I have. I don't know where to begin. But would You just show me how to honor You with everything I have."

If this prayer scares you, perhaps it's because you don't really trust God

My Next Step Today Is:

- For the next month I am surrendering all my "stuff" to God
- I am asking God to show me how to honor Him with all He has entrusted me with
- I will memorize 1 Chronicles 29:14
- I plan to attend to participate in Faith in Action on Sun, Nov 8th