



There's a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money. We may try to divorce our faith and our finances, but God sees them as inseparable.

Jesus knows that money and possessions are man's gods.

A person, Jesus, is our first treasure. A place, Heaven, is our second treasure. Possessions, eternal rewards, our third treasure.

God owns everything. I'm His money manager. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will. Whenever we think like owners, it's a red flag.

My heart always goes where I put God's money. Money leads; hearts follow.

Heaven, not earth, is my home. Where we choose to store our treasures depends largely on where we think our home is.

I should live not for the dot but for the line. Giving is living for the line. We think we own our possessions, but to often they own us. Pilgrims travel light.

Giving is the only antidote to materialism. The act of giving is a vivid reminder that it's all about God, not about us. Giving breaks me free from the gravitational hold of money and possessions.

Tithing isn't the ceiling of giving; it's the floor. It's not the finish line of giving; it's the starting blocks.

God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving. He gives us more so we can give more away.

Let's not have an inflated view of our own value. We don't own the store. We just work here.

Should I give to secular organizations? Why give God's money to institutions that actively oppose His agenda? For every good secular organization there's a Christian organization doing the same work-with an eternal perspective.