

Managing Your Resources – Part I

Proverbs 11:24

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly but comes to poverty.” -Proverbs 11:24

What causes us to withhold and not give of our resources?

- Materialism?
- Fear?
- Greed?
- Unbelief?

Materialism says...

- I gain my identity, security and power through what I own and possess!

Fear says...

- If I give away, I will fade away!
- empty...empty...empty...

Greed says...

- I can't give because I need more and more and more!

Unbelief says...

- If I give, I will have nothing and nothing produces nothing!

What voice is shaping you? influencing you? convincing you?

II Corinthians 9: 5-8

“...prepare your generous gift beforehand...that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation...He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...God loves a cheerful giver...and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

A secret is wrapped up in the act of giving!

- Multiplication
- God will give it to you if He knows He can get it through you!
- Tithing is God's historical pattern to get us on the path of giving!