

## **EQUIP**

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**Warm-up:** *How would you characterize your relationship with money? Does being a Christian make a difference?*

### **The Bible's Perspective on Money**

1. **Creation:** God is the owner and source of all wealth. (*1 Chronicles 29:11-12a*)
2. **Fall:** Our relationship with money is marred. (*Genesis 3:17-19; 1 Timothy 6:9-10*)
3. **Redemption:** Christ has ransomed us with his blood, given us riches in him and appointed us as his stewards. (*1 Cor 6:19b-20a; 2 Cor 8:9*)
4. **New Creation:** When Christ returns, we have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading. (*1 Peter 1:3-5*)

### **Big Implications**

1. Money is a good gift from God.

2. Our attitude towards money both reveals and shapes our heart. (*Matthew 6:19-24*)

3. We are stewards of money, not owners. (*Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27, Luke 16:1-9, Matthew 21:33-44*)

*"A steward is someone entrusted with another's wealth and charged with the responsibility of managing it in the owner's best interests."*

4. We need to keep the end in mind: true riches are found in eternity.

**Summary:** Christ has bought you for a price, so be a steward for His kingdom until your eternal home.

#### **Practical Framework**

1. **Define:** What is the big purpose of your life, and how do you connect that to the purposes for the money entrusted to you?

a. MISSION: What is the overarching mission God has given me?

b. VISION: What would my life look like to align with my mission? And in particular, what would my relationship with money look like?

c. PURPOSES: What are broad areas of my life where money is used and how do I use money in these areas in keeping with my vision?

2. **Architect:** Make a plan for how to manage the money entrusted to us.

3. **Review:** Review and revise the plan.

4. **Execute:** Use money guided by the plan.

#### **REFERENCES:**

- *Money, Possessions and Eternity* by Randy Alcorn
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