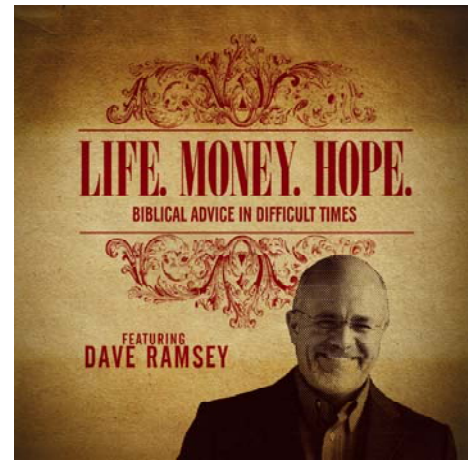


The #1 Myth about Money

The biggest understanding and we need to fix this up

Eg. Brian has \$1000 and deposits it in the bank. He goes to the bank to withdraw some and the bank says that they have spent it for their pleasure and it is gone. Brian has just placed his trust in the bank. Now change of names God has the money/resources/time/talent/kids and he gives it to us to look after - it is not ours. We have a responsibility with the owner. What do we do with it? We are managing it for God.



A STEWARD is a manager

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" Psalm 24:1

The steward is not the owner but the manager of the someone else's affairs. So stewardship is management

Budget changes the way you give cause it is not ours to give.

The TITHE is 10% of your income to your local church

It won't make you go to heaven - Jesus is the heaven thing

Why does God want us to give a tithe to the church - it needs our money - no it needs your involvement, leadership and then you will want to give.

The church or God doesn't need your money

If God wanted your money he will take it and there would be a greasy spot where you used to be "When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase " Deuteronomy 26:12

Ultimately, to be Christ like, you must be a GIVER

"So God created man in his own image" Genesis 1:27

God is trying to make us over in his perfect image.

We are designed from the foundations of the world to be givers and when we don't do that our lives get foggy and break down.

When you start to give of your, talents, resources you change.

When you tithe you are less selfish, you are a better dad, husband and employee. You are less selfish as a person - not greedy and stingy

- Giving is a reminder of OWNERSHIP

It is a AA meeting - "my name is Dave and I love stuff" - it is a reminder that we are the manager not the owner

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- Giving is praise and WORSHIP

"God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 2:9

If you want your children to be givers, be one - they are watching.

- Giving is spiritual WARFARE

You pray on the armour of God - and not tithe? Tithe is spiritual warfare.

God is big, devil is little - it's okay

"I will rebuke the devoured for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground" Malachi 3:8

If you get people to get out of debt you will see your giving go up naturally.

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