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REPURPOSING OUR RESOURCES - RELEASING OUR POTENTIAL

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

WHY DEBT ELIMINATION?

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Obedience

God has spoken through the pastor and church leadership to repurpose our church resources in order to release our kingdom potential.

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WHY DEBT ELIMINATION?

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Practicality

Eliminating debt frees up ministry resources and makes us **less vulnerable** to the fickle winds of our economy.

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WHY DEBT ELIMINATION?

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Strategy

Repurposed resources **releases** ministry potential, exchanging **debt dollars** for **missional investments** into the end-time harvest.

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*“We can keep putting our resources into the **bank vault**, or we can release them into the **harvest field** more quickly, effectively, exponentially and rewardingly!”*

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AN INFORMED DECISION

- ◆ **Educate Yourself**: Read your campaign materials.
- ◆ **Fast & Pray**: Ask, *“God, what would you have me to do?”*
- ◆ **Discuss It**: Be in unity with your family.
- ◆ **Consider Your Commitment**: Is God calling you to give a **practical offering**, to give a **sacrificial gift**, or to make a **faith-promise pledge**?

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MIRACLE
NEED
\$3,000,000

SO FAR...
\$877,000

CELEBRATION
GOAL
\$1,500,000

CHALLENGE
MARKER
\$750,000



MATTHEW 6:19-24

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...”

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*“...where moth and rust do not destroy,
and where thieves do not break in and
steal. For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.*”

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“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

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“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Mammon.”

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MATERIAL PREOCCUPATION

- ◆ **Achan—Joshua 7:1**
- ◆ **Hophni & Phinehas —I Samuel 2:12**
- ◆ **Annas & Caiaphas—Matthew 21:12-13, John 2:14**
- ◆ **Ananias and Sapphira —Acts 5:1-10**

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“Don’t weary yourself trying to get rich; stop the humanistic thinking. Why focus on wealth, since it suddenly goes, like an eagle taking flight.” ~PROVERBS 23:4

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“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.” ~I TIMOTHY 6:6-8

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*“Worldly ambition [for money and things] has a strong fascination for us. The **spell of materialism** is very hard to break.”* ~JOHN R. STOTT

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BREAKING THE SPELL

“Store up treasures, not on earth, but in heaven.”

~MATTHEW 6:19-20

- ◆ *“Store up”* is from the Greek word, **thesauridzo**;
“Treasures” is from **thesauros**.
- ◆ Literally, it means *“treasuring up treasures”*;
In other words, **“stockpiling”**.

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Jesus is not suggesting poverty as a means of spirituality; rather, he is reminding us that **nothing we have or own or can gain in this world is completely safe from destruction.**

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“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” ~LUKE 12:20-21

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BREAKING THE SPELL

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ~MATTHEW 6:21

- ◆ A person’s most cherished possessions are **inseparable** from his deepest motives.
- ◆ They will either be **earth-bound** or **heaven-focused**.

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Unleashing the kingdom in our lives must **necessarily** affect our use of money and our attitude toward things.

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“You are to remember with the passion burning within you that you are not a child of today. You are not of the earth, you are more than dust; you are the child of tomorrow, you are of the eternities, you are the offspring of Deity... You belong to the infinite.

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*“If you make your fortune on the earth—
poor, sorry, silly soul—you have made a
fortune, and stored it in a place where you
cannot hold it. Make your fortune, but store
it where it will greet you in the dawning of
the new morning.”* ~G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

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BREAKING THE SPELL

“The eye is the lamp of the body.” ~MATTHEW 6:22

- ◆ Focus your vision on what is true and eternal; quit looking at money **cross-eyed**.
- ◆ The way we view our money is a sure **barometer** of our spiritual condition.

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BREAKING THE SPELL

“You cannot serve both God and Mammon.” ~MATTHEW 6:24

◆ *“Mammon”* came to mean that in which we put our trust, which often is our money.

◆ *“Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost his authority.”* ~JOHN CALVIN

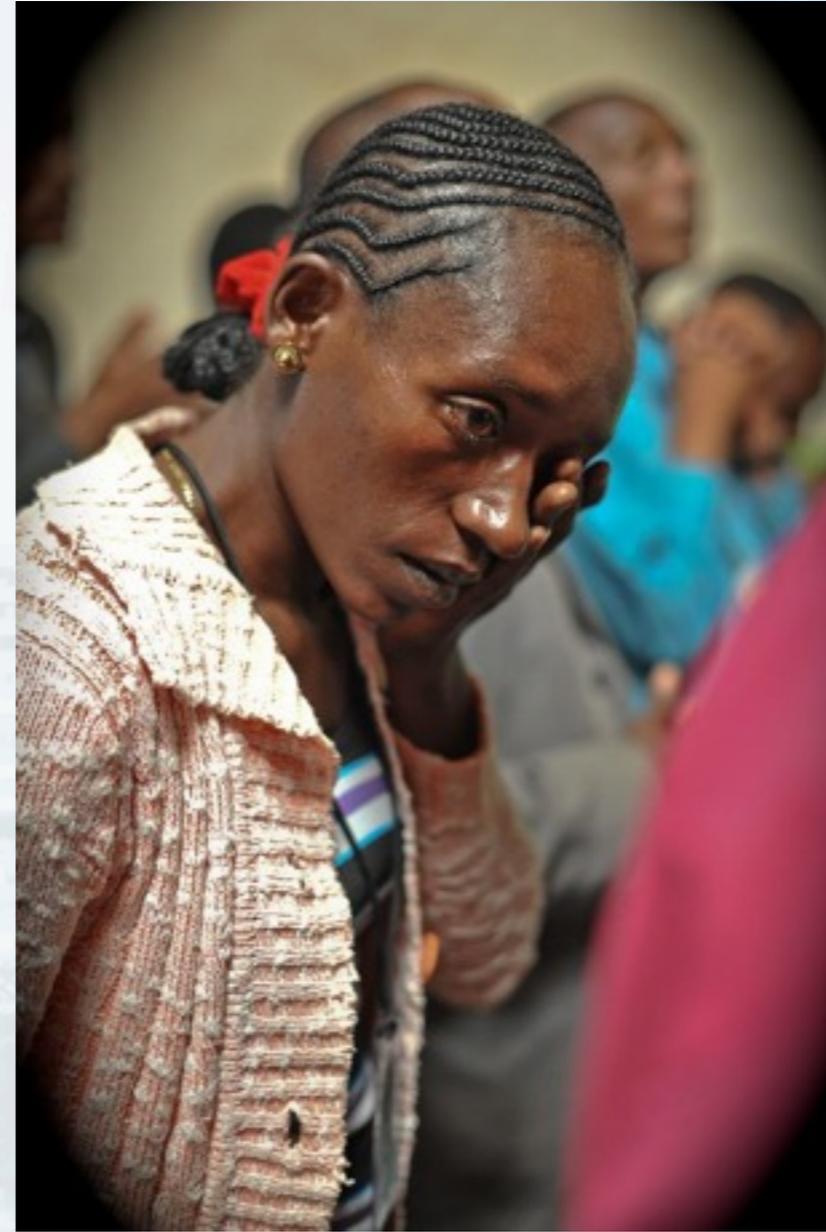
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Jesus never said that **money** was unimportant, yet over and over he taught that its importance was not in itself, **but in that which it produces.**

- ◆ To break the spell of that which holds our vision and our loyalties **to this earth**, we need to send our investments in advance **to heaven.**
- ◆ What is **generously given** to God's kingdom today always produces **treasure in heaven** tomorrow.

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TREASURES OF THE CHURCH



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