

## **GOD IS THE OWNER AND PROVIDER OF ALL WE HAVE**

**1 CHRONICLES 29:10-14** focal passage  
need the whole chapter

David uses all the key words...power, glory, splendor, majesty, honor, might, strength, glorious.

He does so in a financial context.

When it is all about God, it is God that matters.

When God is sovereign, he reorders the rest.

**1 Chronicles 29:10-13(HCSB) <sup>10</sup>“then David praised the Lord in the sight of all the assembly. David said, “May You be praised, Lord God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity.”**

### **FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM:**

#### **1. YOU MUST YIELD TO GOD’S OWNERSHIP**

*For Financial Freedom You Must Yield to God’s Ownership By Acknowledging Him as the Source to Live a Life of Gratitude and Dependence*

**<sup>11</sup> Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all.**

David starts by pointing out that in the midst of a lot of giving, it is God who matters.

**Psalms 24:1-2 (HCSB) <sup>1</sup> The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord; <sup>2</sup> for He laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers.**

**Haggai 2:8 (HCSB) “The silver and gold belong to Me” – the declaration of the Lord of Hosts.**

**Psalms 50:10 (HCSB) [F]or every animal of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

**Exodus 19:5 (HCSB) Now if you will listen to Me and carefully keep My covenant, you will be My own possession out of all the peoples, although all the earth is Mine.**

**Job 41:11(HCSB) Who confronted Me, that I should repay him? Everything under heaven belongs to Me.**

We are managers, God is the landlord.

In our culture we compare what we have with others. But, contentment Can't Co-exist with Comparison. With Christ's ownership we don't compare, we surrender.

Please don't miss this. This is fundamental. Everything else builds on this. This whole series is built on point 1.

Three options:

1. I own it all.
2. God owns a part.
3. God owns it all.

Option 3 is correct.

**We experience Financial Freedom:**

## **2. BY ACKNOWLEDGING HIM AS THE SOURCE**

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**<sup>12</sup> Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. In Your hand are power and might, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.**

**Deuteronomy 8:17 (HCSB) <sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me.'**

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (HCSB) [R]emember that the Lord your God gives you the power to gain wealth...**

Example: God gives the ability to earn. A job is a privilege.

God owns all our stuff, and He expects us to manage it for Him!

You have to see Him as source and give up your rights.

**Luke 14:33 (HCSB) In the same way, therefore, every one of you who does not say good-bye to all his possessions cannot be My disciple.**

## **3. IN ORDER TO LIVE A LIFE OF TRUST, GRATITUDE AND DEPENDENCE ON THE LORD GOD, WE MUST BATTLE THE CULTURAL AND EMOTIONAL LIES THAT BOMBARD US.**

- God has promised to provide for HIS children.
- If we hear from Him (Follow His Word) and obey, we know He will be our supply- He is whether we obey or not, but the key to victory is our trust in Him.
- If we run our life by the half truths (Lies) of our emotions and the allure of our culture (I "need" this thing or that thing) we will always be unsettled. We will lack in God's peace and power in our lives.
- List your fears of transferring ownership to God and really acknowledge Him as your source then write a scripture truth

next to that fear. Memorize some of the verses in this message. Then begin to recite God's word when fear begins to beat you down.

**When we yield to God's ownership and acknowledge Him as our source then we are able to:**

#### **4. TO LIVE A LIFE OF GRATITUDE AND DEPENDENCE**

**<sup>13</sup> Now therefore, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.**

**Colossians 3:17 (HCSB) And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

Start believing it was and is all God's then get focused on gratitude and dependence.

God can't fix it if you don't give him ownership. Our unbelief hinders the flow of God's spirit in our lives.

I have learned to be grateful and give God ownership. Gratitude and dependence are an expression of true belief and surrender.

**<sup>14</sup> ...For everything comes from You... <sup>16</sup> everything belongs to You.**

**Matthew 10:29-31 (HCSB) <sup>29</sup> Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. <sup>31</sup> Don't be afraid therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

You CAN be thankful and depend on God.

For Financial Freedom You Must Yield to God's Ownership By Acknowledging Him as the Source To Live a Life of Gratitude and Dependence [WHEN IT IS YOUR STUFF, IT IS NEVER ENOUGH. WHEN GOD OWNS YOUR STUFF, HE IS ENOUGH.]

**Hebrews 13:5-6 (HCSB) <sup>5</sup> Your life should be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, I will never leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?**

**5. WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE GET THIS MATTER OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM SETTLED, THEY GIVE WILLINGLY WITH A "LOYAL HEART" GOD'S POWER IS RELEASED THROUGH HIS PEOPLE (see verse 9, 17)**

- God's people will want to give to God's purposes.
- God's people will want to give with the right heart attitude.
- God's people will be good managers of all He has given them.

- God will bless His faithful people so they might use more of His resources for the gospel.
- In all of this God will be glorified and people everywhere will take note of the supernatural power of God working among His people!
- The bottom line is this: How much does the Gospel of Jesus Christ mean to you? Do you really Love Jesus and trust Him with ALL of your life? There are no halfway deals with God! When we surrender to Jesus as Savior and Lord **HE WILL** help us manage **HIS STUFF**! And then we can give sacrificially to the Gospel through His local church. Then God's power is released!

#### CONCLUSION:

This may be one of the hardest things you do, but I want you to stay with us all 4 weeks in this series.

**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** In the context of finances, You can do it...through Christ!

**Philippians 4:11-13 (HCSB) <sup>11</sup> I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret [of being content] – whether well-fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. <sup>13</sup> I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

We are going to get practical. We are going to give details. But, none of it will matter until you are willing to go broke for God.

If you need Jesus today, will you receive Him now? If you want to become a part of Green Ridge- serve the Lord here, please come and let one of the Pastors know. If you want to come to this altar and ask the Lord for grace to apply these truths, then come now as we sing the invitational hymn.