

**The Treasure Principle: The Principle of Faithfulness**  
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**Matthew 6:19-21 NKJ**

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

**Matthew 6:24 NKJ**

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”*

**CURRENT REALITY:**

- Current National debt: \$17.9 trillion
- Paid \$420 billion in interest in 2013
- \$71 trillion in debts and liabilities obligations in 2013
- \$579,761 per household in U.S.
- \$23.8 trillion obligation to Social Security
- \$27.3 trillion obligation to Medicare

*“There are two ways to conquer and enslave a nation. One by the sword, the other is by debt.” – President John Adams*

**Deuteronomy 28:43-44 NKJ**

*“The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.”*

**SLAVE:** a person who has lost control of his/her life and is dependent upon someone else for their sustenance

**Proverbs 22:7 NAS**

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave.

**Luke 16:10-13 NKJ**

*“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if*

*you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

### **Three Important Things You Must Settle to Handle Money Well:**

1. GOD IS THE OWNER – I AM THE MANAGER.

### **Three Levels of Control:**

1. TOP LEVEL: GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL POSSESSIONS
2. SECOND LEVEL: YOU'RE IN CONTROL OF POSSESSIONS
3. BOTTOM LEVEL: POSSESSIONS ARE IN CONTROL OF YOU

2. SMALL THINGS ARE BIG THINGS

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3. GOD'S BLESSINGS CONNECT TO OUR FAITHFULNESS

### **Three Areas of Faithfulness That Affect Our Finances:**

1. Faithfulness in our COMMITMENTS
2. Faithfulness in our TIME.

### **Ephesians 5:15-16 NKJ**

*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

### **Matthew 6:33-34 NKJ**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

3. Faithfulness in our use of MONEY.

### **Luke 16:9 NKJ**

*“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.”*

**Luke 16:10-13 NKJ**

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**Malachi 3:7-11 NKJ**

*“Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts. “But you said, ‘In what way shall we return?’ Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the LORD of hosts...*