



Session 1 – Transforming Principles

- What would you identify as your most common problems when it comes to your finances? (Here are some choices – Excessive debt. Stress/Anxiety. Materialism/Greed. Confusion.)
- Read Romans 12:1-2. How does the world squeeze us into its mold? What constant pressures do you feel? In what intentional ways do you resist these pressures?
- Les walked us through the sequence and cycle of Problems - Bad Practices - Lack of a Plan – Lack of Principles. If you could improve in just one of these areas, which would it be and why?

The **Principle of Ownership** says “*God is the owner.*”

- What difference do these two mentalities make – “I earned it all” or “God gave it all.”
- How well do you treat something that is actually owned by someone else? Are you more or less careful with another’s property?

The **Principle of Responsibility** says “*We manage what God owns.*”

- What expectations do you have for a professional money manager or advisor? Do you think those same expectations could be applied to you and your stewardship of God’s assets?
- What other qualities of a “faithful” servant are applicable when it comes to that which God allows us to manage?

The **Principle of Eternity** says, “*Think long-term.*”

- How does the timing and return of an investment influence your decisions? (In other words, do you prefer a little now, or more later?)
- Why is it difficult to think long-term?

The **Principle of Generosity** says, “*Give like God.*”

- What are the specific qualities that are highlighted in Paul’s examples in 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and 9:6-7? Which 2 or 3 qualities do you think top the list? Why?
- In what ways have you experienced the generosity of God? How did you feel as a recipient of God’s generosity?

Take Home Questions

- What is the most subtle problem that I/we have in terms of finances?
- How would I fill in this blank – When it comes to being like the world I/we too often
_____.
- What am I claiming as “mine” that I need to quit-claim back to God?
- I believe Jesus would say “Well done, good and faithful servant” when it comes to my/our stewardship faithfulness. How confident are you on this (1-10 scale)
- A better long-term perspective on my/our finances would mean that I/we would:

- The biggest single obstacle of my/our generosity is:
- I/We need to be most transformed in which of these four principles? (You can only pick one.)

