

# Having & Giving

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## Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

*Ownership is the focus of many people's lives—cars, homes, technology, etc. People draw strong satisfaction from the acquisition of objects and currency. For a brief time, these things give one a sense of accomplishment, foster feelings of security and provide myriad forms of entertainment. In much of the world's eyes, wealth is the measure of human worth and achievement.*

*God has called you to be more than one who lives to own things. Life is not about ownership, it's about stewardship. Ownership is focused on personal empowerment and entitlement. Stewardship is focused on wise management and investment. God has charged you with the privilege and responsibility of contributing to the proclamation of the gospel around the world. In so doing, He has enabled you to know the joy that is felt through the practice of faithful, sacrificial giving.*

*What is your attitude with respect to money and possessions? Does the effort you invest in "having" fall short, match or surpass the effort you place in "giving?" If you are trusting God with your eternal soul, shouldn't you also trust Him to meet your physical and material needs?*

*Prayerfully ask God to strengthen your convictions regarding wise stewardship of all that He entrusts into your care. Praise Him for the blessings and comforts He has provided throughout your life. Ask God to give you an opportunity to grow in your trust and reliance upon Him to meet your needs. Commit to be a cheerful giver and to be generous with your time, talents and treasure. Rejoice in the truth that the One who created and owns everything has adopted you into His family and has promised to sustain you in the shelter of His care forever.*

### I. Ownership

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### II. Beneficiaries

Arrogance

Daniel 4:28-32

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Humility

Genesis 14:17-20

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### III. Benefactors

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1-5

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### IV. Stewardship

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