

# Rivers and Reservoirs

Part 6 of the *I'm In* series

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Text: Matthew 25:14-30

## The truth about stewardship

- Everything we have belongs to God.

*You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

- God entrusts us with a portion of his resources making us stewards of them.
- There's a right way & a wrong way to steward His resources.

The wrong way: Spend it all on yourself.

The right way: Invest it in a way that makes an eternal difference in people's lives.

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
Matthew 6:19-21

- The primary "company" in your eternal investment portfolio should be the local church. (1 Cor. 12:27; Col. 1:18)

Tithing is God's historical method for starting & keeping us on track in our giving.  
(Gen. 14:20, 28:20, Lev 27:30, Matt 23:23, 2 Cor 9:7)

The biggest obstacles that keep us from giving:

- Greed
- Fear
- Your heart will follow your wallet.

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## Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- How do you feel when the pastor preaches on money? Why do you think this is?
- Read Matthew 25:14-30 through the lens of financial stewardship. Does it matter to God what we do with our finances? Explain.
- What are some obstacles that prevent you from being a more generous person?
- Do you have a story about how God blessed you when you sacrificially gave? Tell it.
- Are you more of river or reservoir when it comes to giving?