

I. Introduction

- A. In the fall of 2022, Asbury Church kicked off its visioning campaign called “Closing the _____.”
- B. In order to continue living into our vision, we need to leverage our collective _____ in order to maximize our kingdom impact.
- C. Having a giving plan is one more opportunity to follow _____.

II. One Simple Truth – Lessons from King David

- A. In the book of Chronicles, King David recognized one simple truth in his prayer - God owns it all and we are just _____ it.
- B. King David started a fundraising campaign to buy materials to build a _____ for God.
- C. There are just too many variables to be _____ about what you have accomplished and what we have accumulated.
- D. The correct posture when it comes to our wealth and position is gratitude and _____.
- E. King David asks the question that every honest wealthy person should ask at some point. Why _____? And why not them?
- F. In his prayer, King David says to God “we’re not giving you anything. We’re giving it _____!”

III. Application

- A. To maximize our collective impact, we have to maximize our _____ generosity.
- B. When we have to adopt the posture of a _____ and not owner three things are going to happen:
 - 1. You’ll view everything you ‘own’ as a potential tool to further the agenda of your king.
 - 2. You’ll give first and adjust your lifestyle accordingly.
 - 3. You’ll find it easier to surrender your entire life to your king.
- C. Whatever we equate with _____, we will cling to as if our lives depend on it.
- D. This week, _____ thinking like managers.



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INTRODUCTION

Asbury's 'Closing the Gap' visioning campaign is an attempt to close the gap between the way the world is and the way God intended it to be. One important aspect for the success of our vision is having adequate financial resources. In this series, we explore what Jesus taught about the connection between our money, our possessions, and our faith. The result? Deeper faith and wider kingdom impact.

Monday: 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

This is a prayer that King David prayed as he was collecting money to buy materials to build God a Temple. In this prayer, he acknowledges that God owns it all and we are just managing it. What's your reaction to the idea that you are managing money that God entrusted to you? Does that match what you've thought about money before now?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 15:7-8, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 22:9

Even though believers may approach generosity from different theological viewpoints, we can all agree that generosity is close to the heart of God. The Bible contains thousands of verses about money, stewardship, and generosity. What comes to your mind when you hear the word generosity?

Wednesday: Luke 12:15-21

Jesus warned us to "be on your guard against all kinds of greed." What different kinds of greed have you experienced? How can you assess whether you are getting your sense of meaning and value from material things? How do you define "success"? How easy or hard do you find it to accept Jesus' teaching that "life does not consist in an abundance of possessions"?

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-15

The Book of Haggai tells us to put first things first in our lives. It was written to people, like us, who would have told you that God must be first. They believed that; we believe that. But: they had drifted into a way of life where their belief in God was not reflected in the way they were living. Where do you need to make corrections to put God first in your life?

Friday: Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25 teaches that believers are entrusted with various gifts and resources by God and are expected to be faithful and productive with them, using them to serve His purposes and advance His kingdom rather than burying or neglecting them. If you truly embraced the idea that God owns it all and saw yourself as a manager, how might that impact your giving, saving, and spending habits?

MOVING FORWARD

Biblical generosity is informed and fueled by the acknowledgment that God owns it all. We are simply managers. When we adopt that posture, we view everything we "own" as a potential tool to further the agenda of our King. Let's adopt the manager mindset for one week. No action required. For the next seven days ask yourself, 'what would I do in this situation if I really believed God owns it all?'

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Gap, B) generosity, C) Jesus. IIA) managing, B) Temple, IIC) arrogant, D) humility, E) me, F) back. IIIA) personal, B) manager, C) life, D) practice