

# Treasure Principle

## Squatter's Rights

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### REVIEW

There is a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about/handle money.

Money connection – faith & finances are inseparable.

### THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

<sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19-20

You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.

### WHY IS IT HARD TO BELIEVE?

**SQUATTERS** rights

**POSSESSION** is nine tenths of the law

**SELF** – made man

*The Lord owns the earth and all it contains, the world and all who live in it.* Psalm 24:1

*Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me.* Job 41:11

### TREASURE KEY #1

God **OWNS** Everything – I'm His **MONEY** Manager.

<sup>1</sup>One should think about us this way – as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Now what is sought in stewards is that one be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Servant – attendant, assistant, under-rower, guard, etc.

Stewards – the manager of household or of household affairs, superintendent

### MACEDONIAN EXAMPLE – 2 Corinthians 8

### FRINGE BENEFITS

**ABUNDANCE** of joy.

<sup>5</sup>And they did this not just as we had hoped, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and to us by the will of God. 2 Corinthians 8:5

The **PRIVILEGE** to be part of it all.

<sup>12</sup>For if the **WILLINGNESS** is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12

### TREASURE DARE CHALLENGE

- 1 – **CONFESS** to God your recommitment to obey His word – accepting that He is the owner, you are simply the manager.
- 2 – Ask God to give you **GRATITUDE** for what you do possess for as long as He allows you to manage it.

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