

Discussion Guide for the week of October 30, 2011

Sermon Topic: FAQ – Proverbs 11:24-25 – Matt Cassidy

Introduction: Being “All In” means viewing yourself as a steward of God’s resources, not an owner of your stuff. Today we look at a simple principle to shape how you manage God’s resources, 10-10-80-No dumb debt.

Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to be a steward of the resources God entrusts to you? How would you rate yourself as a steward? What do you do well? What do you do poorly?
2. **The first 10% - Investing in the Kingdom of God: Read Proverbs 3:9, 11:24-25.** Explain the principles from these two Proverbs. How have you found these principles to be true in life? What makes it difficult for you to practice them consistently?
3. **Read Malachi 3:8-10.** Explain what the concept of the tithe is. Why would God consider it robbery to withhold the tithe from Him? Why do you think people tend to argue that the tithe is not a valid standard? What is the dare that God challenges His people with in this passage? Have you ever taken God up on this dare? What was the result?
4. **The second 10% - Investing in personal savings for future needs:** Why is personal savings difficult for people to do?
5. **80% - Content Living: Read Philippians 4:11-12.** Describe the concept of being content. What would you need to learn in order to be more content with what you have? What steps would you need to take to live within 80% of your total income annually? How do cultural pressures make this difficult?
6. **No Dumb Debt:** How would you distinguish reasonable debt from dumb debt? How does debt keep you from being generous and content?
7. Why should the church you are a part of be the priority in your generosity? How did Matt explain the church leadership’s role as investment managers? What ministry areas could we possibly launch if we had more financial resources as a church? Do you trust the church leadership to handle these resources well? Why or why not?
8. What were the levels of motivation or reasons why we are to be generous? At what motivation level do you see yourself? What would get you to the next level? What steps do you need to take to be a better steward of the financial resources God has entrusted to you?