

Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent in Resource Management

To Give Jesus Christ the Pre-eminence Is to Keep "Riches" in Their Proper Place - As Our Servant and Not Our Master - Matt 6:24

When Christ Is Pre-eminent, We Realize This World Is Not Our Ultimate Home - Matt 6:19-21

- The way we manage our resources ought to reflect this reality.
...we were not made for the temporal, but for the eternal
- The secret to contentment is in the contents - Heb 13:5; Phil 4:11
...we were made to receive, contain and express the Eternal - Lk 12:15-21

When Christ Is Pre-eminent, We Realize All We Have We Have By Grace - I Co 4:7; Matt 10:8; Ja 1:17

- We acknowledge God to be our sole Source and Supply - Job 1:21; II Pet 1:3
...seeing and using our resources rightly and wisely requires gratefulness
- We seek neither wealth nor poverty - we seek God - Matt 6:33
...what we don't have, we must not need!

When Christ Is Pre-eminent, We Realize All We Have Belongs to God - Job 41:1; Ps 24:1

- He has the authority to direct how it is all used
- We are spiritual caretakers of material goods - I Co 4:1-2; Lk 16:9-13
...we do not own any of the resource that we manage
...we do not manage His accounts for self-interested purposes

When Christ Is Pre-eminent, What We Have Is to Be Used For The Sake of Others
- Lk 16:9; II Cor 8:4

- All His gifts must be "held loosely"...
...ready to be given away
- We see ourselves as offerings - Ja 1:18
...offerings to God; offerings of God to the world - Ro 12:1-2
- We live for God's praise, not our own pleasure
...we do not put personal happiness at the center of resource management
- I Tim 6:17-19