

## **IT'S COMPLICATED Pt 2**

### **“What Money Reveals About Us”**

#### **FINANCIAL CONGRUENCE**

Financial Congruence allows us experience the freedom to steward our money to contribute to and create the kinds of things that honor God, reflect His image, and demonstrate His love.

#### **GENERATIVE**

Generative is the capacity for our generosity to create something beyond what was given.

#### **MY GOAL**

My goal is for us to consider the economic values of the Kingdom of God, not to mine the financial principles in the Bible and apply them to our modern monetary system.

#### **ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES IN THE LAW**

- Compassionate Lending (Exodus 22:25-27)
- Debt Cancellation (Deuteronomy 15:1)
- Economy of Generosity (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

This economy of Generosity is built on Trust.

It is the Rule of God's Love— an economy of Generosity—build on Trust!

#### **THE ASSUMPTION**

Humans have the propensity and in fact, are likely, to create systems that will advantage one group of people at the expense of another.

Fear— — —> Calculation — — —> Greed

### **Luke 16:8-13 NIV**

8 “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

### **USE WORLDLY WEALTH**

This is a challenge for us is to figure out how we can live this out— in this world.

"The key to it all is in the opening verses: it's about faithfulness. Money is not a possession, it's a trust: God entrusts property to people and expects it to be used to his glory and the welfare of his children, not for private glory or glamour.

Money also, according to this passage, points beyond itself, to the true riches which await us in the life to come. What they are, we can hardly guess; but there are 'true riches' which really will belong to us, in a way that money doesn't, if we learn faithfulness here and now.

If we don't, we shall find ourselves torn between two masters.” (NT Wright)

### **BE FAITHFUL**

#### **SLIDE**

#### **Luke 16:10 NIV**

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Be faithful in the small things.

What has been entrusted to you?