MANAGING FOR THE MASTER – PART 10

Outline #10 GIVING BACK

1. Learning from the Rich Fool
   a) Luke 12:16-21 What problems do you observe with this rich fool’s perspective on life?
   b) Why does God call him a fool? Doesn’t God love everyone and want the best for everyone?
   c) How can we avoid acting like this rich fool?
   d) What opportunities has God shown you where you can give to others out of your abundance?

2. Keeping a realistic perspective on life
   a) James 4:13-14 What can we learn from this inspired testimony?
   b) How much of our material wealth can we take with us when we die? Psalm 49:17
   c) If we can’t take any material assets with us when we die, how should we handle our material possessions while we are still alive?

3. Managing your assets well
   a) Proverbs 27:23-24 How would you restate this inspired counsel in today’s language?
   b) What is the value of assessing your current financial situation? How is this different from trusting in your wealth like the rich fool?
   c) Why is it important to manage your assets wisely, regardless of how much you own? Matthew 25:14-23, 24-29

4. Preparing financially for the end of life

   a) At what age would it be wise to make a will? Why?
   b) What principles should guide a person’s decisions when determining the distribution of assets in his/her will?
   c) When is it appropriate to change the details of your will?
   d) Has anyone here made a will? What lessons did you learn as you created this important document?

5. Leaving a legacy
   a) Share the story of someone who left a legacy by making a major donation to a ministry. (Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Barnabas, etc., or a contemporary person)
   b) How do you know when it’s time to make a sacrificial donation and how much to give in support of the mission of the church?
   c) Is it better to make a major donation while you are still living or make that appropriation in your will?
   d) How does the teaching of Jesus about giving in the Sermon on the Mount relate to leaving a legacy by making a major contribution to a ministry? Matthew 6:1-4
   e) What are your thoughts about leaving a legacy?