**SERMON SERIES OVERVIEW**

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BTC BRAINSTORM MEETING

SERIES PRESENTATION DATE

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| **TITLE** | What Happens… |
| **SUBTITLE** |  |
| **BIG IDEA** | Saving, Giving, Living |
| **SUMMARY**  **PARAGRAPH** | God cares what happens with His money in our hands. Part of being a disciple of Jesus is learning to steward – manage and share – God’s resources. We need to learn a Biblical Theology of stewardship and generosity. God is the owner of all, God is all-wise, and God is extravagant in giving. |
| **SCRIPTURE** | Various |
| **SERIES**  **BREAKDOWN** | **What Happens when you plan and prepare with God’s resources? (budget and save/invest for future)**   * Proverbs 6:6-11 Consider the ant, stores provisions in summer, gathers food at harvest… * Proverbs about hard work/diligence brining a reward * Luke 14:25-33 count the cost before the tower * Proverbs 13:22 Good man leaves an inheritance for his children * Matthew 25:14-30 Servants are entrusted with talents so they might make profit for their Master. 2 are wise and faithful, and therefore earned a profit – commended. 1 is wicked and lazy, just hid the resources – condemned. * \*\*Visual of work review or audit report. Someone is coming to review your life – what score would you receive – how are you using what you have been given?   **What Happens when you give generously to God’s kingdom?**   * Giving to God – to local church, to other ministries, in good deeds) JOHN * The Apostolic view of giving – Act 2:42-47; Acts 4: 32-37 All possession were viewed as “given to me by God for the good of others”. When there was financial need, property was liquidated and the cash given to the Apostles to be distributed as they were led by God. Releasing wealth to God! * II Corinthians 8-9 Give in response to Jesus becoming poor so we might be rich. Give freely, not under compulsion. Give generously. Many will give thanks to God because of your gift… * Acts 20 - better to give than to receive * \*\*Application and visual Ladder of giving – give once, give regularly, give proportionally, give sacrificially, give extravagantly   **What Happens when you live simply within your means and without debt? (out of debt)**   * Doug Stanford at Melrose Park ASA * Proverbs 6:1-5 If you have shaken hands in pledge… ensnared by the words of your mouth…Go – allow no sleep to your eyes… free yourself! * Proverbs 22:7 Rich rule over poor, borrower is slave to the lender * I Tim 6:6-10 Godliness with contentment is great gain. Watch out for greed… the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil * Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from love of money… be content… Jesus will never leave you or forsake you * Ecc 5:10…. Whoever loves money never has enough… * Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain except debt to love one another. * Break out of generational debt – * Luke 3 – how do we show our repentance? Don’t exhort, don’t accuse - be content with your pay * \*\*Visual of hunting snare that attaches to the foot/arm of the animal, slowly bleeding to death or unable to escape when hunter arrives. Snare leads to death and destruction. Debt is this kind of snare… |
| **CREATIVE**  **ELEMENTS** | Video testimonies from different NL members telling the story of what happened when they did not follow God’s design for stewardship AND THEN what happened when they obeyed. |