

Finding Financial Fitness

InShape - Part 2

“Do not be shaped by this world; instead be changed within by a new way of thinking...”

Romans 12:2 (NCV)

To understand God’s perspective on money...

...I must understand the heart of the issue.

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

“No one can serve two masters...you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things...” Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV)

...I must understand the reality of the situation.

Reality check: It all belongs to God!

“The earth is the lord’s, and everything in it...” Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

“If you start thinking to yourselves, ‘I did all this. And all by myself. I’m rich. It’s all mine!’—well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth...” Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (Msg.)

...I must understand my role.

“The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it.” Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

My Role: I’m a temporary manager of God’s stuff

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| How to manage God’s money: | <u>Give</u> | <u>Save</u> | <u>Live</u> |
| | <u>10%</u> | <u>10%</u> | <u>80%</u> |

(Deuteronomy 14:23; Proverbs 21:20)