

East Hill Church Sermon Discussion Guide:

ENTRUSTED: Stewarding God's Resources

Speaker: Pastor Keith Jenkins

Date: January 12, 2025

Introduction:

In this powerful opening message of the "ENTRUSTED" series, Pastor Keith Jenkins addressed how we can honor God with what He has entrusted to us, focusing particularly on our relationship with money and resources.

1. Understanding True Ownership:

Pastor Keith emphasized that everything belongs to God and we are merely stewards.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does viewing yourself as a steward rather than an owner change your perspective on money?
2. What challenges do you face in managing resources with God's priorities in mind?

Supporting Verses:

Psalms 24:1 - "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 - "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: These verses establish God's ultimate ownership of all things.
- Theological Significance: We are managers, not owners, of what God has entrusted to us.

- Application: We should manage resources according to God's priorities and purposes.

2. Scarcity vs. Abundance Mindset:

Pastor Keith contrasted the mindsets of scarcity and abundance in relation to resources.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has a scarcity mindset affected your relationship with money?
2. What would it look like to truly embrace an abundance mindset based on God's provision?

Supporting Verse:

Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: Paul was encouraging believers to think differently than the world.
- Theological Significance: Our mindset about resources needs transformation through God's truth.
- Application: We should cultivate an abundance mindset rooted in faith in God's provision.

3. The Deceitfulness of Riches:

Pastor Keith warned about the dangers of allowing money to become an idol.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways have you experienced the "deceitfulness of riches"?
2. How can we maintain proper perspective on material wealth?

Supporting Verses:

Matthew 13:22 - "As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful."

Context and Reflection:

- Historical/Cultural Context: Jesus was warning about things that prevent spiritual growth.
- Theological Significance: Money can deceive us and hinder our relationship with God.
- Application: We must guard against allowing wealth to choke our spiritual life.

Conclusion:

Pastor Keith Jenkins' message reminded us that as stewards of God's resources, we must manage what He has entrusted to us with wisdom, faith, and eternal perspective.

Reflection Questions:

1. How can you better steward the resources God has entrusted to you?
2. What mindsets about money do you need to surrender to God?
3. How can you ensure that material wealth doesn't hinder your spiritual growth?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for all you have entrusted to us. Help us to be faithful stewards of your resources. Transform our minds from scarcity to abundance thinking, rooted in trust in your provision. Guard us against the deceitfulness of riches and help us to use what you've given us for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

References:

Primary Sources:

"ENTRUSTED: Stewarding God's Resources," East Hill Church, 01/12/2025. Delivered by Pastor Keith Jenkins.

Sermon Notes, East Hill Church.

The Holy Bible, New International Version (NIV). Biblica, Inc.™, 2011.

Secondary Sources:

Alcorn, Randy. "Money, Possessions, and Eternity." Tyndale House Publishers, 2003.

Blue, Ron. "Master Your Money." Moody Publishers, 2016.

Ramsey, Dave. "Financial Peace University." Lampo Press, 2012.

Collaborative Contributions:

LLM Contributions: Based on a mixture of licensed data, data created by AI models, and publicly available data, synthesized for the study of the provided sermon notes and biblical passages.

LLM Training Data:

LLM Training Data. Includes a diverse range of texts (books, websites, and other publications) up to April 2024.