

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for September 9, 2007**

**The Bible and Personal Finances  
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Everything we have belongs to the Lord (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 24:1).

There is nothing that we possess that we in fact own. This means that we are not owners but rather we are the Lord's stewards.

The Lord has entrusted us with His possessions, not in order to serve our purposes, but rather to serve His purposes (Colossians 1:16).

If we operate more like a steward rather than an owner we will be financially more secure (James 4:6).

If we operate more like a steward than an owner we will be far more accepting of what is given to us or taken from us (Job 1:21).

If we choose to operate more like a steward rather than an owner we will become more attached to what awaits us in heaven than what we have on earth (Matthew 6:19-21).

May we, by the grace of God, manage our personal finances in such a way that we might prove ourselves to be faithful stewards thus bringing glory to God and blessing to ourselves and others.