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Less Is More

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Philippians 4:10-13, Ecclesiastes 4:1-6

What most people do:	The order God blesses:
1. Earn it	1. Earn it
2. Enjoy it	2. Tithe it
3. Repay it (past)	3. Save it
4. Save it (future)	4. Repay it
5. Give it (eternal)	5. Enjoy it

- ✓ Out of control finances are symptoms of an out-of-control life
- ✓ We need more than a financial planner; we need a life manager – Jesus Christ
- ✓ Unbelief can be a big contributor to financial problems
- ✓ We need to let Jesus first be the CEO of our lives, and then the CFO

Philippians 4:10-13

1. _____ understandings create _____ outcomes
2. Learn to be _____ and to enjoy what you have = _____

Ecclesiastes 4:1-6: Less Is More

1. _____ back
2. _____ out
3. _____ off

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 16:11, and Ecclesiastes 4:1-6 to start your study time.
2. If you lost all your possessions tomorrow, how would you feel? Why?
3. Which of the two columns in the table do you fall under? Do you feel God is convicting you to make adjustments? If so, what are they?
4. How can verses like Proverbs 21:20, Proverbs 27:23-24a, Matthew 6:19-21, and Luke 16:11 help lay a foundation for honoring the Lord with our finances?
5. Read Philippians 4:13. How do people take this verse out of context? Now read verses 10-13. What does Paul mean when he says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me?"
6. Read Ecclesiastes 4:6. Do you spend more energy finding tranquility (peace) with "one handful" or chasing after that second handful? Explain.
7. What are the top three things that matter most in your life? How is "stuff" involved with this list?
8. Why do you think we tend to want more and more?
9. When we talk about cutting back, what is the first thing you think of?
10. How can cutting back, clearing out, and paying off help bring freedom to your soul?
11. Author Randy Alcorn says, "It is impossible to become a fully developed follower of Jesus without also becoming a fully developed steward of your resources." Do you believe this to be true? If so, why or why not?
12. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to have more control of your finances?
13. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.