



# BATTLE READY & YOUR MONEY

## KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

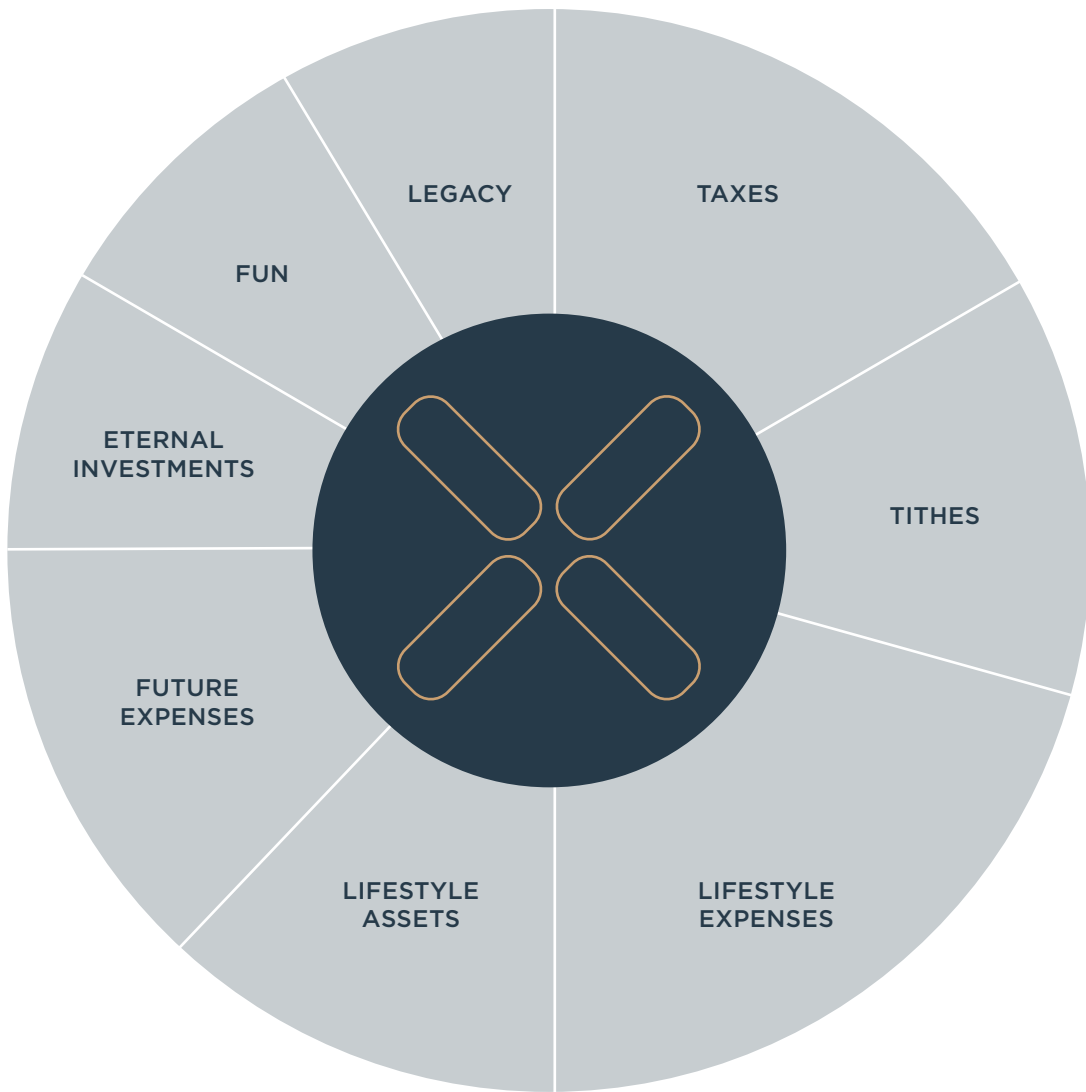
- Learning the Kingdom focus for your money.
- Evaluating your budget categories.
- Adjusting your budget to be Kingdom aligned.

**RESOURCES:** "Money, Possessions and Eternity" by Randy Alcorn

## SUMMARY

In the parable of the Sower (Luke 8), Jesus underscores three perspectives of money that block Kingdom production: worry, riches, and pleasures. The worry perspective says, "there's not enough money." The riches outlook says, "there's never enough." And the pleasures focus says, "money is for my enjoyment." Rather than money, Jesus tells us to focus on Kingdom seeking. Money is not the focus. Does your current budget reflect Jesus' fiscal outlook?

**BATTLE READY** is a process for your radical Kingdom production. Your view of money and eternity will shape your success in this endeavor. A **BATTLE READY** goal is to leverage our time on earth for eternal gains. Those gains are for the population of Heaven and the quality of your and other Christians' existence in your heavenly home. Accordingly, your budget over time will shift to more significant amounts of income, a reduction of expenses, and ongoing increases on Legacy Kingdom Investments.





## Current Stewardship Allocations Evaluation

CATEGORY	YOU ARE SATISFIED?	GOD IS SATISFIED?	CHANGE IS NEEDED?
Taxes			
Tithes			
LifeStyle Expense			
LifeStyle Assets			
Future Expenses			
Eternal investments			
Fun			
Legacy			

### **BATTLE READY Living:**

- Your focus is Kingdom-seeking growth, not money.
- You arrange your current and future budget around maximizing Kingdom Investments.



# JESUS & YOUR MONEY

## KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understanding God's expectations regarding the resources He has given you.
- Guarding against what can take you out of fruitfulness in the 4th soil.
- Focusing on God's expectation of a Return on Investment (ROI) from you.

**RESOURCES:** *The Law of Rewards* by Randy Alcorn

## SUMMARY

What is the objective for the money and talent God has blessed us with? Understanding the answer is mission-critical for **BATTLE READY**. With it, you will focus your life on Kingdom multiplication. Without this concept, you will be deceived by wealth and marginalized by fear of God's LifeMission. God has given you an abundant blessing. Don't be fooled into spending it on yourself.

Jesus was clear about God's expectation of receiving a return on investment ("ROI") from individuals in the Kingdom. The parables of the minas and the talents clearly outline His expectations. God has given us time, talent, and treasure to steward. In the story of the minas, the king (Jesus) says, "Do business with this until I come back (Luke 19:13b)." Our objective is for us to use what we have been given to produce more for Jesus' Kingdom. As in the story, each was rewarded for their ROI. The one who did not steward Jesus' gift was afraid of the King's objective. He received no reward. Jesus expects the miraculous from us (to reap where we did not sow - Luke 19:21). We must be clear about His objective without fear and invest what He has given us to steward for His Kingdom.



## GOD'S FINANCIAL THEOLOGY

1. GOD OWNS IT ALL.
2. GOD ENTRUSTS IT TO US.
3. GOD DEMANDS HIS DUE.
4. GOD EXPECTS RETURNS ON HIS INVESTMENTS.
5. GOD REWARDS HIS SERVANTS.

## AROUND THE TABLE

1. What thoughts arise as we discuss Jesus' view of money?

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2. What actions are you prepared to take?

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### **BATTLE READY Living:**

- You focus your resources on the Kingdom LifeMission Jesus gave you.
- You believe that King Jesus owns everything you have (including you).
- You believe Jesus will reward your stewardship of His property on earth and in eternity.



# THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

## KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understanding the two judgments preceding eternity.
- Our faith determines our destination; our behavior determines our eternal rewards.
- What to expect at your heavenly evaluation.

## SUMMARY

Most Christians know their pathway to eternity with God: faith in Jesus alone. But in our experience, only some are familiar with our role and status in eternity. The Bible describes two types of judgment for two kinds of people. The Great White Throne is the judgment of unbelievers in Revelation 20. People whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life result in eternal separation from God. For the believer, the Judgment Seat of Christ evaluates each person's works while "in the body." The Apostle Paul points out that you can be saved and only get into eternity "as one escaping through the flames (1 Corinthians 3:15). The objective of **BATTLE READY** is that your work would have an eternal Kingdom quality. The quality of each person's work on earth will be tested. Each will receive a reward based on our work that had Kingdom relevance. This is the LifeMission for which you were designed.



## EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR EVALUATION

1. **YOU WILL BE** EVALUATED BY GOD FOLLOWING YOUR LIFE ON EARTH.
2. **YOU WILL BE** EVALUATED AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.
3. **YOU WILL BE** PERSONALLY EVALUATED BY JESUS CHRIST.
4. **YOU WILL BE** EVALUATED ALONG WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.
5. **YOU WILL BE** EVALUATED ON THE BASES OF YOUR WORKS ALONE.

## AROUND THE TABLE

1. Were you previously aware of the two types of judgments?

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2. How does the concept of rewards for work change your thinking about earthly living?

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### **BATTLE READY Living:**

- You believe your works under Jesus' kingship will be tested and rewarded in eternity.
- You focus your time and leadership to increase your opportunity to do Kingdom initiatives.



# STRATEGY FOR ETERNAL REWARDS

## KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Understanding the works Jesus outlines for eternal rewards.
- Building a LifeStyle that lives Jesus' words.

## SUMMARY

The words of Jesus are in every Bible. In some Bibles, they appear in red print. But few see that obedience to His words yields a reward. It is self-serving to obey for reward. The Bible includes three motivations for participating in His Kingdom: fear, love, and reward. A reward is used as motivation more than fear and love combined. Receiving love can even be viewed as fulfilling our desire (reward). God designed us with self-interest. He uses it to orient our service to Him and others. Do you know and live Jesus' commands? With the expectation of reward, you are more likely to lean in. Understand the wise council of the author of Hebrews:

**“And without faith, it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” - Hebrews 11:6 NIV**





# AROUND THE TABLE

1. Are you surprised that living Jesus' words will be rewarded in Heaven?

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2. What actions are you prepared to take in response?

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## **BATTLE READY** Living:

- You believe that God rewards those who seek Him.
- You strategically adjust your mindset and position your lifestyle to live the words of Jesus.