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STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGES TRUST IN GOD

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When Jesus spent time with people, He spoke about many topics, but by far He spent the most time talking about the Kingdom of God and about money. Regarding money, 16 of Jesus' 38 parables dealt with finances and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of 10 verses (288 in total) deal directly with the subject of finances.

Why so much talk from Jesus about money?

Because how you think about and manage money reveals a lot about who you are. Jesus said it this way, "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." (Matthew 6:21)

In the Bible we learn that winning with money is not measured by who has the most, but who is the most faithful with what (s)he has. Specifically, we are called to be a manager of what we have. It is the job of a manager to take care of what does not belong to him. The manager is not the owner. Similarly, when it comes to what we possess it all belongs to the Lord (Psalm 24:1- The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it). Therefore, the money in your bank account is His. Your job is to manage it in a way that pleases the owner.

And the owner calls His managers (you) to give.



And when we give with the right attitude we are worshipping. Two key verses come to mind:

- 1) "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- 2) "Honor the Lord with your wealth..." (Proverbs 3:9)

When it comes to giving, where are you at? This topic is a big deal to Jesus, and it should be a big deal to us. Here is what I know: Sometimes the thing that keeps us from reaching out in deeper love for the Lord is our clinched hands on what we have. Giving encourages us to trust God. Giving puts us in a posture of dependence on Him. And while the Lord uses the resources you give to impact lives, you're the first person giving impacts.

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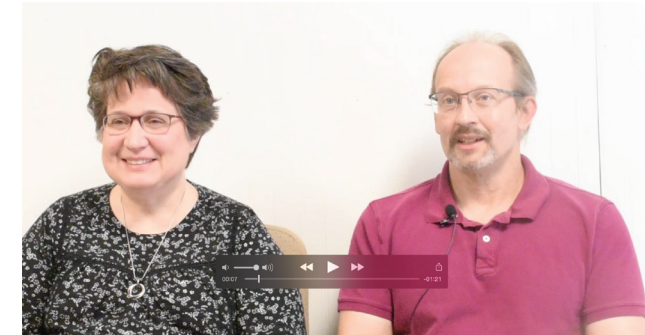
LONG-TIME MEMBERS FIND IT EASY TO GIVE

• Taken from a video of Rick and Rhonda Ehrhardt

Long time New Hope Church members, Rhonda and Rick Ehrhardt, were attracted to the church in the beginning for the same reasons they love the church now:

- 1) Biblically based teachings
- 2) Emphasis on Youth
- 3) A desire to fulfill the Great Commission not only in Adel but around the world.

They believe it is important to give financially to the church because God is a giving God. When you believe in the mission of the church and have been on the receiving end, it becomes that much easier to give back.



“Giving is natural. It's what you want to do if you believe in the mission.”

- Rick Ehrhardt

To see the complete video of Rick and Rhonda, go to www.newhopeadel.org/expanding-hope



LAST CHANCE TO RSVP

Do you want to know what all the talk is about? You need to attend the All Church Gala on Saturday, November 7! Deadline to reserve your seat is Sunday, October 25th. RSVP on the church website under "Events". TODAY!