

**Stewardship Sunday**  
**Should we sell everything we have to serve the Lord?**  
**AM Service      Mark 10:17-22      Feb. 11, 2018**

**Introduction**

**Should we sell everything we have to serve the Lord?**

**Simple faith is the basis of a relationship with God.**

**Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler**

1. Only God is good.
2. Keep the commandments.
3. The young man makes a sincere religious declaration.

**The Hard Saying to the Young Man**

The Saying

The Reaction

Comments and Questions

1. Is Jesus giving a condition to demonstrate a higher level of devotion to God?
2. Is this the rule of life?
3. It is a regular feature of the teaching of Jesus.
4. What is Jesus saying?
  - a. Don't worry about your physical needs.
  - b. God takes care of His creation.
  - c. We are the special creation of God
  - d. Don't worry! God will take care of you.
  - e. God should be first in your life.

**What have we said today?**

1. Salvation is the free gift of God which is accepted by a simple faith and trust in what Jesus did for us on the cross.
2. Material wealth can draw us away from the Lord.

3. Jesus does not want us to worry about our material needs or make them our primary focus.
4. We tend to worry about and hoard the resources God has given us.

**What are we to do?**

**How about you?**

1. Do you give willingly to the Lord?
2. Do you recognize that all you have comes from and belongs to the Lord?
3. Do you love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength? Dt. 6:5

**What is our need for 2018?**

Last year, our budget was \$614,600.  
Our income was about \$ 636,319.  
Our expenses were about \$646,892.  
This year, our budget is \$ 653,150.

**How can you help?**

1. If you don't think God should receive any of your income, you need to reexamine your relationship with Him.
2. Are you a regular, systematic giver?  
Can you increase your giving by 3%?
3. Sporadic givers need to trust God by paying God first.

“Christian Stewardship is more than the church's method of raising money; it is God's way of raising Christians.” (Stewardship Strategies)

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery