

Series: Balanced

Week 2

3 laws of physical balance

1. Reference Point
2. Constant Corrections
3. Clear Objective

Question: What is our basic overall objective when it comes to money?

Reminder: God doesn't want something **from** you; God wants something **for** you

1 Chronicles 29:10-16 (NIV)

¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

Summary Statement: “**for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**” Verse 11

Everything belongs to God and everything comes from God.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?” vs 14a

“Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” vs 14b

Our objective: to **honor God** with everything.

God doesn’t want something *from* you; he wants something *for* you.

Prayer: God, I don’t know where to begin, but would you show me how to honor you with everything I have?

Ecclesiastes 5:18

¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

Challenge question: God, how do I honor you with all of my resources?

God, I surrender it now, Show me how to honor you with it.