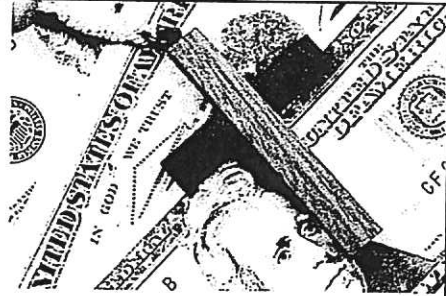


## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### Taking Control of your Money

Our Heavenly Father gives us money, and, through His Word, imparts truths on how we are to manage it. Of all the gifts God entrusts to us, money is probably the one that we have the most difficulty in managing according to God's purposes. As His stewards, we are called to be wise in the handling of money and faithful in its use. Money is such an integral part of our lives that we need to spend sufficient time to comprehend how it affects both our material and spiritual lives.



Jesus knows that money and material possessions are very necessary for our lives. He also knows that money and material things are more likely than anything else to replace God at the center of our hearts. Jesus said, "*No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and money*" (Matthew 6:24). In order to live lives that bring glory to God, we must control our money—lest our money control us.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, I thank You for all my blessings especially Your love and goodness to me. Help me to share Your love within me to those around me. Help me to manage faithfully all that You entrust to me. In Jesus' precious and holy name I pray. Amen.

**Blessings on your journey as a steward!**