

Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

You Shall Have No Other Gods

The first commandment, “You shall have no others gods” makes it clear that the God Who created us expects us to give Him first place in our hearts and lives. God wants us to fear, love, and trust Him above all things, and this is possible for us to do because God is faithful to us. The First Commandment leads us to give special attention to our attitude about money and possessions, which can easily become idols. Jesus tells us that we “*cannot serve God and money*” (Matthew 6:24). With money in the bank and all the bills paid, it is easy to commend ourselves on the great job we’re doing, the mindset Moses warned against (Deuteronomy 8:18). With investments adding to our net worth, we feel comfortable and secure. We don’t need God. We have money to cover all our needs. Trust in money can replace our trust in God. God may have to get our attention as He did the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21). Relying on God instead of ourselves, we can prevent the things of this world from becoming overly important.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for entrusting me with money and possessions. Help me not to be greedy or covet things of this world. Grant me faith to see my money and possessions as tools to extend Your kingdom. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

