

## DGM Message Summary: Can God Trust You

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### Takeaway:

God wants to bless you abundantly so you can be a blessing to others in need!

### Scriptural References:

- Acts 4:32
  - The church had thousands of members, but they were united with one body and one soul
  - No one saw themselves as owners, but as stewards of God resources
    - Owners think in terms of rights
    - Stewards think in terms of trust (temporary)
- Acts 4:33
  - God's grace was moving in everyone's life
- Acts 4:34
  - No one lacked; not everyone had the same amount, but their needs were met
- Acts 4:36-37
  - Barnabas sold his land, brought the money, and laid it respectively at the Apostle's feet
    - His humble obedience opened a great door of opportunity
- Psalms 24:1
  - God not only owns churches, but He owns everything across and around the globe (i.e. planets, mountains, rivers, streams, creatures, opportunities, etc.)
    - How much can the wealthy take to the grave?
- Daniel 2:20-21
  - Problems are temporary, but God is working your situations out behind the scenes in accordance with His will (God changes the times and seasons)
  - Governments come and go, but God remains the same
    - Problems have stewardship, but not ownership, of our lives
- Luke 16:9-12
  - If you can be faithful with money, you can be faithful in much (i.e. spiritual resources)

### Key Points:

- The sooner you get rid of the owner mentality, the sooner you'll develop the eternal mindset

- In order to understand this concept of worship and giving, we must change our perspective based on what we've been taught (i.e., sense of entitlement)
- Our spirit, soul and body also belongs to God; it has been borrowed from Him and one day we will have to answer for our rental (RE: Psalm 24:1)
  - When our time is up, God can take it back at any time
- Many of us tend to take stuff for granted, but we must understand that everything we have is on loan from God
- When the church finally gets the right attitude towards possession and things, it creates an atmosphere that releases the power of God in a special way (RE: Acts 4:33)
  - If there's truly a rising tide, all boats will be lifted
- If everyone's willing to work in God's kingdom, no one will go without (RE: Acts 4:34)
  - When trouble came, it's the wealthy that helped save the church so don't look down on others who have more than you
- God will take care of our basic needs; anything beyond is a bonus and a blessing
- *There's nothing wrong with God's people having money, as long as money doesn't have you*
- *There's nothing wrong with not having money, as long as you don't judge those who do (or as long as those reasons for not having is a result of personal reasons, like not investing in God's kingdom)*
- We should strive to not only have our basic needs met, but also pray to be blessed so we can be a blessing to others (i.e., earning more so we can give more)
- When you worship through giving, are you giving to people or to God? (RE: Acts 4:35)
  - If that man or woman is crooked, they're the ones who have to answer to God
    - As long as you do your part with God's money, you're good
- It's not about the amount of money we give, but the heart when we give it (RE: Acts 4:36)
- Money will always fail, so trust nothing but God (i.e., Steve Jobs, depression, guilt) (RE: Luke 6:9-12)
  - When God gives you resources, it's all about trust and God may be trying to use you to bless someone else
  - If God can't trust you with things you can see, how can He trust you with spiritual things you can't see
- If God blesses you like He wants to, you should ask him how He wants you to help others!