



Introduction:

- What if the United States went to the “doctor” for a Financial Health Check-Up? The doctor would no doubt discover that when it comes to personal finances, America is desperately sick!
- What are we to do? How can we improve our Financial Health? Interestingly, the Bible has a lot to say about money. Over the next three weeks, I want to propose to you an ancient, biblical Financial Health Care Plan that is sound, solid, stable, proven, trusted and, most importantly of all, authored by God Himself.
- This morning, let’s take one step toward improving our Financial Health. It is not an insider trading tip. It is not moving toward a more diversified portfolio. It has to do with something absolutely foundational, answering the question, “Whose stuff is it?”

Deuteronomy 8:17-18; I Chronicles 29:11-12; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1; I Corinthians 4:7; James 1:17

From the preceding verses, even the casual reader of God’s Word must conclude:

God Owns It _____.

In 1 Cor. 4:7 the Lord asks this rhetorical question: “What do you have that you did not receive?” Any ability you have, any money you have, any success you have, any insight, charisma, good looks or good health; you didn’t achieve them – you received them!

Ron Hutchcraft, **A Word With You # 47599, From His Hand to Yours**

Our role began when God placed man in the _____.

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and keep it** (Genesis 2:15, emphasis added).*

Work it = Heb. abad –

Keep it = Heb. shamar –

Jesus confirms this same role is still our role _____.

“[The Kingdom of Heaven] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property” (Matthew 24:14).

Identifying the cast of characters:

It [Kingdom of Heaven]:

A man:

Servants:

2 lessons from this verse emerge:

- The master is the _____ of all the property.
- The servant is supposed to _____ until He returns.

The biblical word for this role is _____.

Stewardship is living with the awareness that we are managers, not owners; that we are caretakers of God’s assets, which He has entrusted to us for this brief season here on earth. How we handle money and possessions demonstrates who we really believe is their true owner – God or us.
Randy Alcorn, **The Treasure Principle**, p. 152

Conclusion:

Do I really _____ that God is the owner of everything, including my very own life?

If so, have I _____ of all “my stuff” to Him?