

February 12, 2017

“Loaner Not Owners!”

Part 1

“God Owns It All”

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.
For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas
and built it on the ocean depths.” Psalm 24:1-2 NLT*

A. When I gave myself to God...

“for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:20

1. At one time, I did not belong to God.

“Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” 1 Peter 2:10

2. At one time, I lived my life to please my own desires.

“All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.” Ephesians 2:3

3. At one time, I believed all I had was mine and I lived for me.

“He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.” 2 Corinthians 5:15

4. But...when I gave myself to God...I now belong to Him!

“If we live, it’s to honor the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:8

All I have is His...

I am the loaner, He is the Owner!

B. If He is the Owner, then this is...

1. Not my body!

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,” 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. Not my stuff!

“After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it.” 1 Timothy 6:7

3. Not my time!

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:15-17

4. Not my gifts!

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

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C. When God is the Owner, it frees us to...

1. Give abundantly!

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” Luke 6:38

2. Give sacrificially!

“Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.” 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

3. Give joyfully!

“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’” 2 Corinthians 9:7

4. Give beyond all expectations!

“They went to Moses and reported, ‘The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the LORD has commanded us to do!’ So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: ‘Men and women, don’t prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!’ So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project.” Exodus 36:5-7

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Coming next:

“Loaners Not Owners!”

February 19: **“Little Things Mean A Lot”**

Luke 16:10

February 26: **Youth Sunday**

“True Love Waits”

March 5: **“Using or Losing”**

Matthew 25:21