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Week 2

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Mine vs. His

I. We focus on what truly matters.

Colossians 3:1-2 NIV

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

II. We understand that God owns it, we steward it.

Psalms 24:1-4 NIV

1The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

Deut 8:17-18 NIV
You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength
of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But
remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you
the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his
covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is
today.

III. With the understanding that we don't own anything, we stop stealing.

Malachi 3:6-9 ESV

6 "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. 7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'"

8 "Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you".

IV. We welcome the benefits and promises.

Malachi 3:10-12 ESV

10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **11** I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. **12** Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

God promises us provision and protection.