

How Are You Managing Your Resources?

We tend to focus on what we do with our money, when it comes to Christian accountability. However, in the Kingdom, we are required to oversee and appropriately use all our resources. That includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Our lives
- Our body
- Our time
- Our energy
- Our breath
- Our mental capacity
- Our money
- Our personal possessions
- Our home
- Our property
- Our vehicle
- Our vocation
- Our relationships
- Our connections

You see, when we come into the Kingdom, and we submit ourselves to the rulership of the King as our sovereign, he has authority over everything. In that capacity, he doesn't actually demand that we surrender everything to him. That's because he created us with autonomy to rule ourselves and our resources. What he does, though, is this – he expects us to count the cost of this surrender and our adoption, before we decide to join his Kingdom. Then, he's looking for us to willingly surrender everything to him out of love, not devotion or obligation. To achieve that, he constantly draws us in love to surrender everything to him, until we are totally his, 'lock, stock and barrel'.¹

He doesn't object to our reticence to surrender everything, and he doesn't demand that we do. He's not like that. His character of love (not being loving, but is love) means that demands never come into 'the equation'. Here's an example of his request to properly use our resources for him:

“Stop and take a personal inventory of how you manage your resources. I speak of time, money, energy, and concentration. Productivity in the world is not the same as spiritual productivity. You are set in this world to establish My kingdom in all things. It is My desire for you to become a better steward of all that you have been given and all that you have been given to do. I will direct your steps..”²

This move to surrender our resources is designed to bring us into total heart alignment with him, because he knows that things in the natural are a distraction. However, he's not controlling us, and he doesn't want us to give everything away (unless he tells us). We were created for life in the natural and he has guaranteed to supply all our needs, in that regard. It's the unnecessary things that distract us, but even so, he doesn't stop us chasing after what we desire. That's because he won't dishonour us, the pinnacle of his creation, by stopping us being autonomous planet managers in any respect.

This type of surrender is another reason why oneness with him is essential. By that I mean, we'll chase after him, not things. And, on top of that, we'll use our lives in loving alignment with him, not out of obligation or regret.

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1 – READ: “What Is a Divided Heart” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/What-Is-a-Divided-Heart.pdf

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (July 3, 2022) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2022.htm]