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A Spiritual Study Of Giving

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Guess the Theme of today's pulpit lesson. Three clues.
1. One of oldest themes to be found in the entire Bible
2. Jesus spent about 35% of His time talking about it.
3. Generally, last Chr. virtue to be fully developed.

I. INVOLVES A STUDY OF OWNERSHIP.
   A. Ps. 24:1. The earth is the Lord's! I Cor. 10:26.
   B. Ps. 50:10-12. Everything is God's! Real owner.
   C. Haggai 2:8. Gold and silver the Lord's.
   D. Ezek. 18:4. All souls the Lord's. Ecc. 12:7.

   QUESTION: If God OWNS all this, what does man OWN?
   Question #2. Why does man act as if he owns everything??
   I Timothy 6:7-8.

II. HOW DID MAN GET WHAT HE HAS?
   A. Acts 17:24-28. God has filled our empty hands!
      Ill. Shrinking the income.
      1. God is the Master and Owner of all. Vs. 14.
      2. Man is only a servant to use what's God's. 15.
      3. The USE of the talent vital, not having!! 19.
      4. Rewards based on USE not possession. 23.
      Ill. Ain't It Good to Give? Hungry, sick, cold....

III. WHAT SHOULD MAN DO WITH GOD'S POSSESSIONS TODAY?
   A. He won't take it with him!!! Luke 12:15-21. FOOL.
   B. He will build some kind of future with them.
      1. Some will sow sparingly. Matt. 6:33. II Cor. 9:6-8
      2. Wrong attitude. Ill. "A Dollar I Gave To God."

   INV: IF YOUR LIFE TERMINATED TODAY, WHAT WOULD YOUR HEAVENLY
   FATHER SAY????

   To You???
* 2. To the unfaithful Christian. Vs. 30. Cast ye the...
   To You???
* 3. To the unsaved: Vs. 41. Depart from me........

   No need of this in YOUR CASE!!!!!