

## VALUES & VALUABLES\*

Honor the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops.  
Proverbs 3:9

**Maturity is aligning what I value with what is truly valuable.**

1. We give as an act of worship.
2. We give as an expression of trust.
3. We give as He provides.

### ◆ Personal

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

### ◆ Planned

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money . . . 1 Corinthians 16:2

### ◆ Proportional

. . . in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2

## **IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY. IT'S ABOUT MATURITY.**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> in the series, *It's Not About the Money*, by Bobby Pruitt, 8-12-07  
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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from the series: *It's Not About the Money*. Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or Small Group.

1. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What does it mean to honor? Explain the concept of giving “first fruits” in today’s economy. How does this show God as a priority in your life?
2. If someone were to say, “I don’t give to the church because that is a human institution. The God I worship doesn’t need my money,” How would you answer them? See Matthew 16:17-18 and Acts 20:28-29.
3. Evaluate your pattern of giving. How would you rate on the categories of personal, predictable and proportional? How do you go about deciding what you should give? Do you feel that you tend more toward a worship focus or a “pay-the-bills” focus”?
4. With so many good causes out there, why should we make giving to the church a priority? Was this the pattern of scripture? See Malachi 3:10, Acts 4:36-37 and Philippians 4:14-19.

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