

A low-angle, street-level photograph showing the lower legs and feet of several people walking past a newsstand. The newsstand is filled with various publications, including one prominently labeled 'FASHION'. The scene is set on a paved sidewalk, and the overall atmosphere is one of a busy urban environment. The text 'Walking with Jesus' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font, with 'money, sex, power' in a smaller font below it.

Walking with Jesus

money, sex, power



Walking with Jesus money

God did not conceive and create money, sex, and power simply to be a temptation. He had good purposes in mind. Money, sex, and power exist for the great aims of God in human history. They are not detours on the path to God-exalting joy. Along with all the rest of God's good world, they are the path. With them, we can show the supreme worth of God.

Therefore, the approach I take is to pursue the potentials of money, sex, and power as well as the pitfalls. What are the dangers that need to be defeated? What are their potentials, which need to be deployed?

The main thesis of the book has two parts. First, that money, sex, and power, which began as God's good gifts to humanity, have become dangerous because all human beings have exchanged the glory of God for money, sex & power images (Romans 1 v 23). Second, that money, sex, and power will be restored to their God-glorifying place by the redemption that God brought into the world through Jesus Christ—the great liberation of creation from all sin and sickness and sorrow

All of this was ruined by the fall—by the first great folly of exchanging God for other things. When God is restored as the supreme value of the human heart, money, sex, and power begin to find their God- glorifying place in life. Everything hangs on what we value as supreme. What is our highest treasure? What is our greatest satisfaction? When God takes that place in our minds and hearts—in our thoughts and our emotions—then money, sex, and power begin to find their true and beautiful order.

This new ordering of life, with God's glory at the center, turns out to be the most satisfying to our souls (though embattled in many ways), most beneficial for the world (though it may not always see this), and most honoring to God. We are satisfied. The world is served. And God is glorified. That is what money, sex, and power are made for. And that is what this book is about.



CARING FOR GOD'S MONEY

Luke 16:1-15

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Psalms 24:1

‘The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it’

Lessons

- **ALL** that we have belongs to God
- We are stewards. The challenge is are we being faithful?

1. What is God challenging you about today?
2. How could you be a better steward of money, time, gifts, talents ... you have been given?
3. What if any fears in regard to money do you need to give to God?

2 Corinthians 9

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**A GENEROUS PERSON
WILL PROSPER;
WHOEVER REFRESHES
OTHERS WILL BE
REFRESHED.**

PROVERBS 11:25

Generosity:
The habit of
giving freely
without expecting
anything
in return.