

THE COLLISION OF WORLDVIEWS IN PLANNING AND GIVING

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW BELIEVES

1. "God owns everything." (Psalm 24:1)
2. "It is more blessed to give than it is to keep."
(Acts 20:35)
3. "True life comes from being generous and not holding on to our wealth merely for our own consumption and pleasure." (I Timothy 6:17-19)
4. "Our ability to make wealth comes from God and is not the sole result of our own personal genius and hard work." (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)
5. "Poorly thought out and excessive inheritances can destroy the very people we love the most." (Proverbs 20:21, Ecclesiastes 2:18-19, 21)
6. "The best financial investment a person can make is in the Kingdom, and the "profits" from those investments will be stored up and waiting for us when we relocate to our permanent home to enjoy for eternity."
(Matthew 6:19-21)
7. "God cares how we make and invest His money." (Romans 12:2, Ephesians 5:11, Deuteronomy 23:18)
8. "Advancing God's Kingdom is our first priority." (Matthew 6:33)
9. "Accumulating wealth solely for our own ease and comfort leaves us defined by God as a 'fool.'" (Luke 12:16-21)

A SECULAR WORLDVIEW BELIEVES

- "We made it, so what we have is all ours!"
- "It is more blessed to keep than it is to give."
- "The more we have, the happier we will be."
- "We are the master of our own fate and captain of our own ship."
- "The more we can pass on to our heirs, the better."
- "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die."
- "The return we make on our investments is the sole criteria for how we invest our money."
- "Advancing our 'kingdom' is the first priority."
- "Accumulating wealth is the ultimate measure of our value and our success."

