CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, December 4, 2016

OpenHanded: The Posture of a Steward

steward: *a person who manages another’s property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another*

“It’s not mine, it’s yours. What do you want me to do?”

Money & Possessions – what does God say?

Money, God & me

Money doesn’t give special status in God’s kingdom

The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord made them both. *Proverbs 22:2*

Riches won’t help on the day of judgment … *Proverbs 11:4a*

Money & possessions can damage my relationship with God

“You cannot serve both God and money.” *Matthew 6:24*

The rich young ruler – *Luke 18:18-25*

God first

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” *Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37*

“You must not have any other god but me.” *Exodus 20:3*

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else …” *Matthew 6:33*

Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. *Proverbs 3:9*

Money, others & me

Compassion & Generosity

If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart … *Deuteronomy 15:7,8,10*

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” *Matthew 25:40*

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. *Proverbs 19:17*

Money & me

Contentment & Moderation

But godliness with contentment is great gain.
*1 Timothy 6:6*

If you find honey, eat just enough – too much of it and you will vomit. *Proverbs 25:16*

Accountability

For God will bring every deed into judgment … *Eccl 12:14*

Suggested Budget Categories

Income

Expenses

auto bank & credit card charitable

childcare clothing education food

gifts healthcare housing insurance

leisure / hobbies loans pets

savings taxes utilities misc