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## **MONEY MATTERS**

### **Stewardship Principles for Christ-Followers**

*Lesson Three • John 6:1-14*

### **The Economic Principle**

#### **When Demand Exceeds Supply**

When the cry is "NOT ENOUGH," take notice of the economic principle of Jesus.

#### **The Economic Principle of Jesus**

### **1. WITHOUT Jesus Demand Exceeds Supply and the Cry Is "Not Enough!"** *John 6:1-9*

#### ***The Challenge for the Disciples***

To minister to the needs of over 5,000 people by FEEDING them.

#### ***The Challenge for Our Church***

To minister to the needs of people by FUNDING our mission to "bridge the gap" with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### ***Three Things Can Cause Demand Exceeding Supply***

- If we have no sense of PLANNING in our lives. vs. 1-5
  
- If we have no sense of PURPOSE in our stewardship. vs. 5-9
  
- If we have no sense of POTENTIAL through Christ. vs. 9

### **2. WITH Jesus Supply Exceeds Demand and the Cry Is "More Than Enough!"** *John 6:10-14*

#### ***How did supply exceed demand of feeding the multitude?***

It began when a little boy was willing to give his LUNCH to Jesus.

#### ***How will supply exceed demand of funding our church's mission and ministries?***

It begins when I am willing to give the FIRSTFRUITS of my income to the Lord.

#### ***Three Divine Economic Principles***

- God delights in using our RESOURCES to accomplish His purposes no matter how much or how little we give.
  
- God delights in making up the DIFFERENCE when demand exceeds supply.
  
- God delights in providing a basket full of LEFTOVERS for our needs.

#### **Key Question: Are You Willing to TRUST God with Your Money?**

Just as the little boy put his lunch in the hands of Jesus, are you willing to put your money in the hands of God?

#### **Three Steps to Take**

- Give a portion of your income to God first.
- Ask God to use your giving to make up the difference.
- Expect God to meet the needs in your life and our church in 2018.