



# IN SEARCH OF A BALANCE

- 1) What *is it* that we need to continually learn to balance?
- 2) As we struggle to find a balance, why is it important to remember that *God owns everything?* (Psalm 24:1)
  - Does this include our home, our money, our children?
  - How does this concept help us if it is the *first* thing we consider?
  - Do you see the connection of this leading to a study of “stewardship”?
- 3) How does a person end up with riches? *Rank from highest to lowest as you see pertinent:*
  - Luck
  - Gifted in Skill/Intelligence
  - Education
  - Hard work/persistence
  - Inheritance
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Are these of God or of man?
- 3) How does a person end up in poverty? *Rank from highest to lowest as you see pertinent:*
  - Bad luck
  - Hardship
  - Poor choices
  - Insufficient education
  - Laziness
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Are these of God or of man?
- 4) How then is it that the Lord “*maketh poor and maketh rich*”?
  - Read Proverbs 30:8-9. Define “vanity” and explain a reason for the connection with “lies.”
  - For what was the writer praying as he wrote these verses? How can this be of comfort to us?
- 5) How do we create a proper balance in both our management of and attitude toward money?
  - Consider: Hebrews 13:5 and II Corinthians 9:7-8
  - How are both areas of “giving” and “contentment” important in creating a proper balance? What things must we be willing to give? With what things must we be willing to be content?
  - How does one vs. two parent incomes affect contentment? Which one do you think has a greater challenge of being more content?
- 6) Read Mark 10:17-30. Is this story about salvation or money matters?