



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?