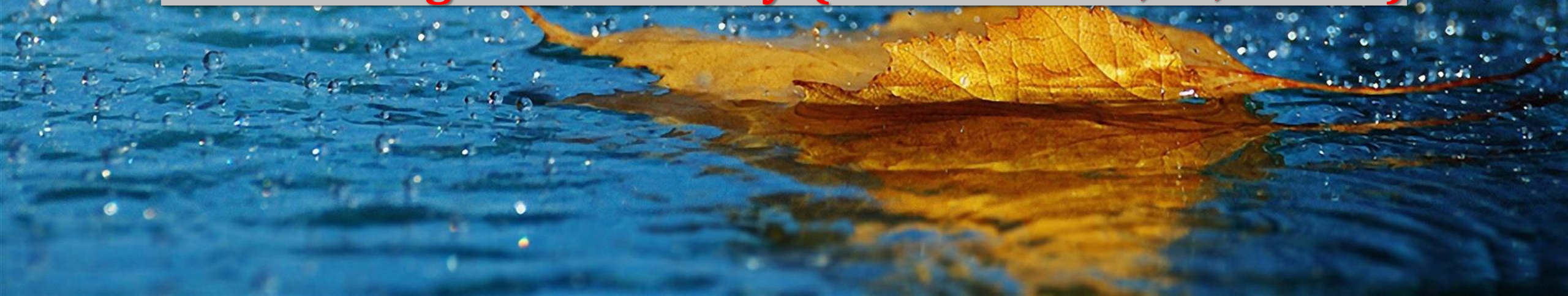




STEWARDSHIP

Treasure

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both god and money. (Matt 6:19-21,24,25 NIV)





**A 'TREASURE' IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY
RARE AND THEREFORE, VERY VALUABLE.**



**'TREASURE' MEANS PRECIOUS METALS, OR
GEMS; HOARD OF THEM; ACCUMULATED
WEALTH; A THING VALUED FOR RARITY;
WORKMANSHIP; ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.**



A TREASURE CAN MAKE
A PERSON VERY RICH,
QUICKLY.





**THOSE WHO POSSESS SUCH
HIGHLY VALUED TREASURES,
MAKE SURE AS FAR AS
POSSIBLE, THAT THOSE
TREASURES ARE VERY
SECURE AND TAMPER-
PROOF. THEY WOULD GO TO
ANY LENGTH TO PROTECT
AND POSSESS THEM BY
SPENDING MAJOR PART OF
THEIR TIME AND ENERGY.**

1. Earth's productive capacity ,wealth & good things.

Ps 17:14 - By your hand save me from such people, LORD, from those of this world whose reward is in this life.

**May what you have stored up for the wicked fill their bellies;
may their children gorge themselves on it,
and may there be leftovers for their little ones.**

2. Wisdom

**Pro 2:4 - And if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,**

3. People of god

Ex 19:5 - Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine.

4. The kingdom of heaven

Matt 13:44 -“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.



5 Man's spiritual possibilities

Matt 12:35 - For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

cf Mk 7:20-22 i.e. Heart as the treasury of evil)

He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.



6 New life in Christ

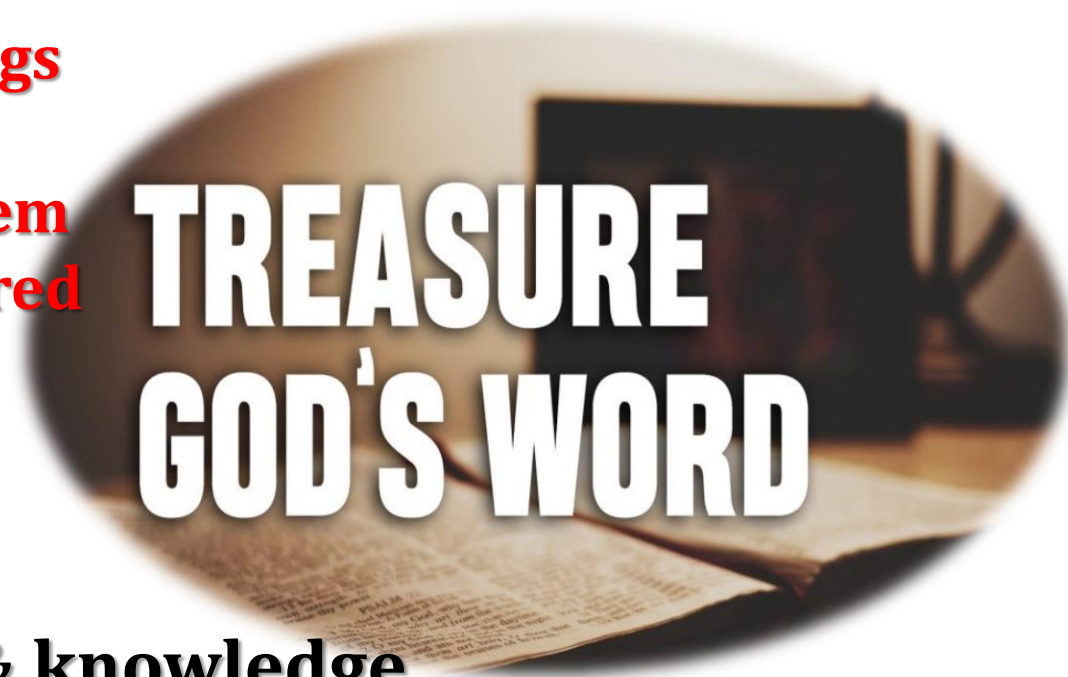
2 Cor 4:6,7 - For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

7 God word & promises

e.g. Lk 2:19 - But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Lk 2:51 - Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Ps 119:11 - I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.



8 Chris as the divine treasury of wisdom & knowledge

Col 2:3 - In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Col 2:9 - For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.

9 Believers' heavenly rewards

Matt 6:19 - Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Matt 6:20 - But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

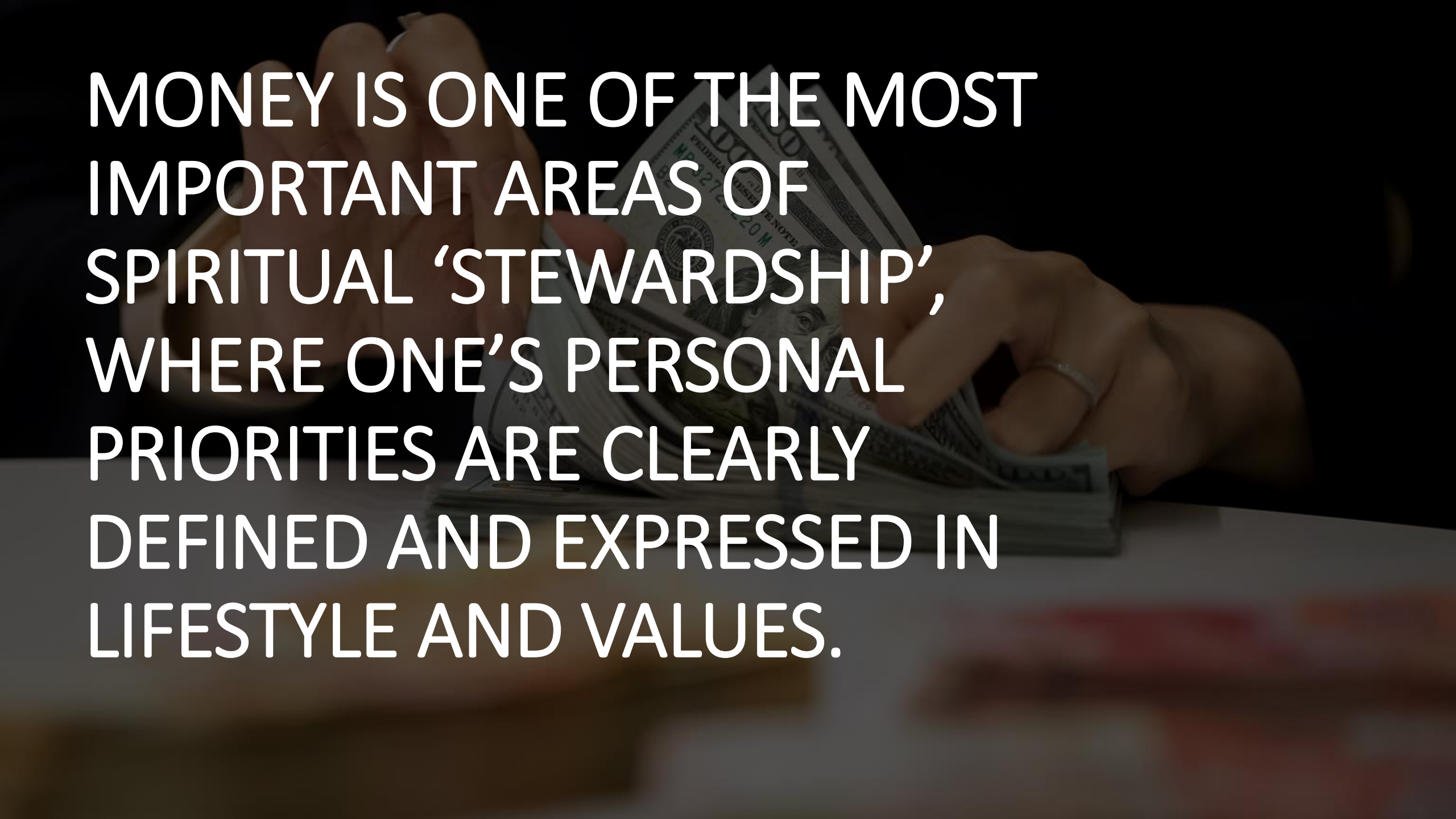
**'MONEY' OR
MONETARY VALUE IS
THE MAIN REASON
WHY A PARTICULAR
THING IS VALUED AS
'TREASURE' BY
MULTITUDES.**



FOR A CHILD OF GOD, MONEY HAS AN
IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE
BECAUSE

MONEY CAN MAKE OR BREAK A
PERSON'S LIFE & AFFECT HIS ETERNITY



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a thick stack of US dollar bills. The bills are fanned out slightly, showing various denominations including \$100 and \$20. The hand is positioned in the center-right of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the left side of the image is a large block of white text in a bold, sans-serif font.

MONEY IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT AREAS OF
SPIRITUAL 'STEWARDSHIP',
WHERE ONE'S PERSONAL
PRIORITIES ARE CLEARLY
DEFINED AND EXPRESSED IN
LIFESTYLE AND VALUES.

LESSONS FROM PAUL'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS GOD'S STEWARD:

PHIL 4:11-13

1. BE SATISFIED

2. BE SENSIBLE

3. BE STRONG





**“Not that I speak in respect of want:
for I have learned, in whatsoever state
I am, therewith to be content.”**

Philippians 4:11 (KJV)

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**Be satisfied with
what you have.**

**‘I HAVE LEARNED TO
BE CONTENT’ V.11**

BE SATISFIED

with what you have

**‘I HAVE
LEARNED...
TO BE IN NEED...
TO HAVE
PLENTY’ V.12
(BE SENSIBLE -
IN YOUR
CONTEXT)**



**“I know what it is to be in need, and
I know what it is to have plenty, I
have learned the secret of being
content in any and every situation.”**

PHILIPPIANS 4:12

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**'I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO
STRENGTHENS ME' v 13**

BE STRONG in CHRIST JESUS

I CAN DO
ALL things through
CHRIST who
strengthens
ME. Philippians 4:13

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**YOU ARE GOD'S
TREASURE
BECAUSE HE PAID
THE HIGHEST PRICE
POSSIBLE TO SAVE
YOU.**

THE PRICE: HIS
VERY LIFE
THROUGH HIS
SON, JESUS
CHRIST!

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**IF THE LORD JESUS
CHRIST IS INDEED OUR
(YOUR) TRUE
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REFLECT CLEARLY THE
IDENTITY OF OUR
(YOUR) TRUE TREASURE
TO THE WORLD
AROUND ?????**

REFLECTION

