"Hey God, I Have a Question!"

Why does the church need my money?

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

- 1. God owns everything. The Lord God is the Supreme Lord and Owner of all things; of man and all that he possesses.
 - 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (LB) Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone,..."
- **2.** God wants your heart. You will never understand the grace of giving until God has your heart.
 - Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you".
- **3.** You're blessed to be a blessing. God has blessed you financially to advance the kingdom of God as an act of worship to God.
 - 2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Application

- 1. You live in a "me" saturated culture. As a Christian you have to deal with it. Read: Psalm 24:1 and 1 Chronicles 29:11-12. How would your life choices change if you lived as if Jesus was your Master and owned you, the land, your home, your money, everything?
- 2. God wants your heart before you give a dime to the church. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Then read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What are doing in your life right now to give yourself to the Lord first? Do you know him in a personal way? The Lord wants to know you in a very personal way. When he radically changes your life, you will want to help others find this life-changing Jesus.
- 3. God uses Christian men and women to invest their monies in the life-changing ministries of their church and beyond. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-15. Choose to become aware of the ministry needs of your church. Now pray and ask God what he wants you to do financially to be a part of expanding the gospel of Jesus Christ both locally and globally.