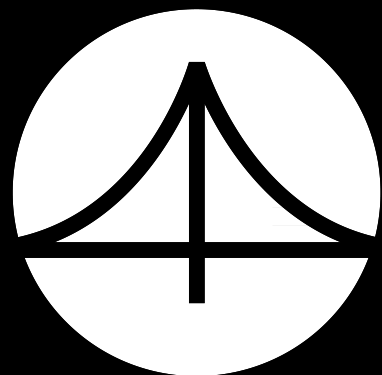


Stewardship: A New Perspective

Psalm 50



**Thankfulness is important
because everything
belongs to God.**

1. 2 Wrong Ways to Approach God

2. The Right Way to Approach God

The First Wrong Way to Approach God: Immorality

- People who claim to worship God, but show with their lives that the opposite is true
- They assume God doesn't care about their sin
- God warns the wicked to turn from their ways

The Second Wrong Way to Approach God: Morality

- They're doing all the right things, but God won't accept them
- Their obedience comes from a wrong heart attitude
- Trying to earn God's love through good, moral behavior will leave us as far from Him as complete disobedience

The Right Way to Approach God: Thanksgiving

- Both the immoral person and the moral person see themselves at the center of the story, and neither believes God is truly God
- Seeing ourselves as the center of the story of our lives leads to Entitlement
- To give a sacrifice of Thanksgiving requires a complete heart transformation

View from the Outside



Immoral

Moral

Thankful

View from the Inside



Moral

Thankful

Immoral

The Right Way to Approach God: Thanksgiving

- The first step of relating properly to our money (and to all of life) is to offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving rather than living with our entitlement mentality
- God can accept our sacrifice of thanksgiving because in Jesus, He has already provided the perfect sacrifice for sin