

## **My God and my money by Everaldo Compton**

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God is the Creator of all things and He calls me to live in a positive relationship with Him.

He has entrusted us with His creation and my lifestyle must reflect my responsibility for this trust.

He has forgiven my failures and has set me free to enjoy a purposeful life as one of his people.

I must therefore:

- ✠ exercise a wise stewardship of the natural resources of the world.
- ✠ Not knowingly cause another person to lose so that I may gain.
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I am pleased that God calls me to be a giver because I have a personal need to give and I am an incomplete person unless I give.

I therefore believe that:

- ✠ I am accountable to God for the way in which I acquire and use all of my income and assets.
- ✠ I must give regularly and meaningfully to the work of my Church and the life of my community.
- ✠ The scriptures teach me the principle of percentage giving and I know that my chosen percentage will be dependent on my faith and love for God and my neighbour.
- ✠ I must make a habit of reviewing my chosen percentage to ensure that it reflects my growth in faith and is a joyful response to God and his love.
- ✠ I am called to make bequests for God's work so that my stewardship continues after death.
- ✠ I should keep myself informed of the financial affairs of my Church and community and I hope that I will be challenged regularly with new opportunities for commitment and service. At the same time my motive for giving will always arise out of my faith and will not simply be a response to man-made goals.

May God give me the grace and the strength to do all of these things and may my life be a prayer to Him.