

Tandem

Inviting God to Lead the Ride



Talk It Over

Message Summary

Financial pressure leaves us exhausted when we insist on steering alone. God invites us to trust His leadership, put Him first, and keep pedaling. Surrender may feel like losing control, but it leads to greater freedom, generosity, and purpose.

Key Scriptures

Deuteronomy 8:17–18a (NIV)

“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's something you've attempted to assemble, fix, or figure out on your own before finally admitting you needed help?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Monday's)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these passages reveal about the source, purpose, and proper priority of what we possess?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- In what ways do people try to keep both hands on the handlebars of their financial lives while still asking God to bless the ride?
- The message suggests that many of us want God on the bike but not necessarily in the front seat. Why is surrendering financial control often harder than surrendering other areas of life?
- Have you ever experienced a time when trusting God financially felt risky, but looking back you saw His provision or faithfulness in a way you couldn't see at the time?
- If your financial decisions over the last six months revealed who is actually steering, what evidence would suggest God is in the first chair? What evidence might suggest you're still holding the handlebars?

Start Praying

Father, take the lead in every area of our lives. Teach us to trust Your provision, surrender control, give generously, and faithfully follow wherever You steer. Amen.

Start Doing

This week, invite God to lead your financial ride:

- **Look:** Review where your money went over the past month.
- **Listen:** Ask God what your habits reveal about your trust and priorities.
- **Pedal:** Take one specific step toward consistent, joyful generosity.