

# THE FREE METHODIST FOUNDATION

## Our View of Stewardship

	<b>Poverty Theology</b>	<b>Prosperity Theology</b>	<b>The American Dream Theology</b>	<b>Balanced Biblical Stewardship Theology</b>
<b>View of Prosperity ...</b>	Non- materialistic, disdain for possessions	Prosperity is the reward of the righteous	The pursuit of household possessions and family pleasures is acceptable	Possessions are a trust given by God in varying proportions
<b>In a word, possessions are...</b>	A curse	A reward	A right	A privilege
<b>View about purchases</b>	Lowest quality	Top quality	Quantity	Wisest
<b>"Proof test" scriptural references</b>	Sell all and give to the poor  Luke 18: 18-22	Ask, seek, knock.  Matthew 7: 7-8	Worse than an infidel if you don't care for your own family  1 Tim 5:8 (also see Haggi 1 - God's people busy with their own households.)	Parable of the talents.  Matthew 25: 14-30
<b>Needs are met by ...</b>	Thinking you don't have any needs	Seed faith Give to get	Credit & Borrowing	Faithful using and giving from what you've received
<b>Primary Role</b>	Rejecter	Owner	Accumulator	Steward (manager)
<b>Preoccupation</b>	Daily needs	Money	Comfort and convenience	Wisdom
<b>Attitude</b>	Carefree Proverbs 3: 5-6	Driven Proverbs 10: 17	Entangled Mark 4: 19 Hag. 1	Faithful. Luke 16: 10-11