Un-stop-pa-ble

(adj.) A Church That Doesn't Stop

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UNSTOPPABLE

PART IV: DON'T EAT THE SEED

Nehemiah 12:43-44a (NLT). Many sacrifices were offered on that joyous day, for God had given the people cause for great joy. The women and children also participated in the celebration, and the joy of the people of Jerusalem could be heard far away. On that day men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the offerings, the first part of the harvest, and the tithes.

Our generosity is an extension of our worship.

REMEMBER: An unstoppable church is a church that sows generously.

<u>Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)</u>. The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

HOW WE HANDLE MONEY ANSWERS THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

1. WHO DOES IT [BELONG] TO?

1 Chronicles 29:12 (NLT). Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT). For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

Psalm 24:1 (NLT). The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT). Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful...

2. WHAT IS MY [ROLE]?

Administrator: Manages other people's property.

Luke 16:10 (NLT). "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

Malachi 3:8-11 (NLT). "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me.

<u>Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)</u>. Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

3. WHO AM I [WORSHIPING]?

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT). You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.

God desires that we worship Him through the finances He has given us to manage.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV). "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

"Money is a good servant but a very bad master".

Psalm 127:1 (NLT). Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.

