

**It's not ours; it is God's  
Acts 4:32-37- Ch 5:1-16**

**“He is no fool who gives what he can not keep to gain what he cannot lose”  
Jim Elliot**

**I. Our power is the story of Jesus!**

**They were given great \_\_\_\_\_!  
Romans 1:15-17**

**Our power comes from the gospel message of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**They were giving their testimony as \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 5:7- 13**

**\_\_\_\_\_ grace was given to them by God; not just a little grace but  
More than they were expecting. Grace is getting what we do not deserve, and not  
getting what we do deserve.**

**II. It is not really ours to begin with.**

**Acts 4:32-35 sharing and giving vs individual responsibility Thessalonians 3:6-15**

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Job 41:11 “Everything under heaven belongs to me”

Haggai 2:8The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty.

Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the  
ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your  
forefathers, as it is today.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 You are not your own, you were bought with a price

6 Keys to discovering the principle of joyful giving: 2 Corinthians 8:1-11, 9:5-6

#1 God owns everything I'm His money manager

#2My heart always goes where I put my money Matthew 6:21

#3Heaven, not earth is my home

#4I should live not for the dot but for the line

#5giving is the only antidote to materialism Luke 6:38

#6God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving

**There was not a \_\_\_\_\_ person among them. They gave up their  
\_\_\_\_\_ to give back to \_\_\_\_\_ what was already  
His to begin with.**

**III. We should all be “sons of encouragement”**

**Baranabas was called son of \_\_\_\_\_. Can you imagine  
people calling you that? Wouldn't that make you feel good? Wouldn't you like to  
be the person that inspires the group and not the one who brings it down?**

**Answers: power, resurrection, witnesses, abundant, destitute, rights, God,  
encouragement**