

Central's Core Values:

'Open Hands'

¹⁶From him [Jesus] the whole body [us], joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

Core Values:

- ▶ *_Hungry_ Hearts*
- ▶ *_Attentive_ Eyes*
- ▶ *_Linked_ Arms*
- ▶ **Open Hands:** God is the *_owner_* of *_everything_*

The Steward's Credo:

God *_owns_* it



I *_manage_* it

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

⁵And they exceeded our expectations: **They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.** (II Corinthians 8:1-5)

When it comes to life in this world . . .

▶ We **_hold_** nothing **_tightly_**

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

- Jesus’ **_passion_** = my **_passion_**
- Jesus’ **_mission_** = my **_mission_**
- Jesus’ **_honor_** = my **_honor_**

▶ We **_trust_** God **_completely_**

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matthew 6:25,26)

³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

**⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
(II Corinthians 8:9)**