



# Church **Finances** 101

*From the basics to best practices*

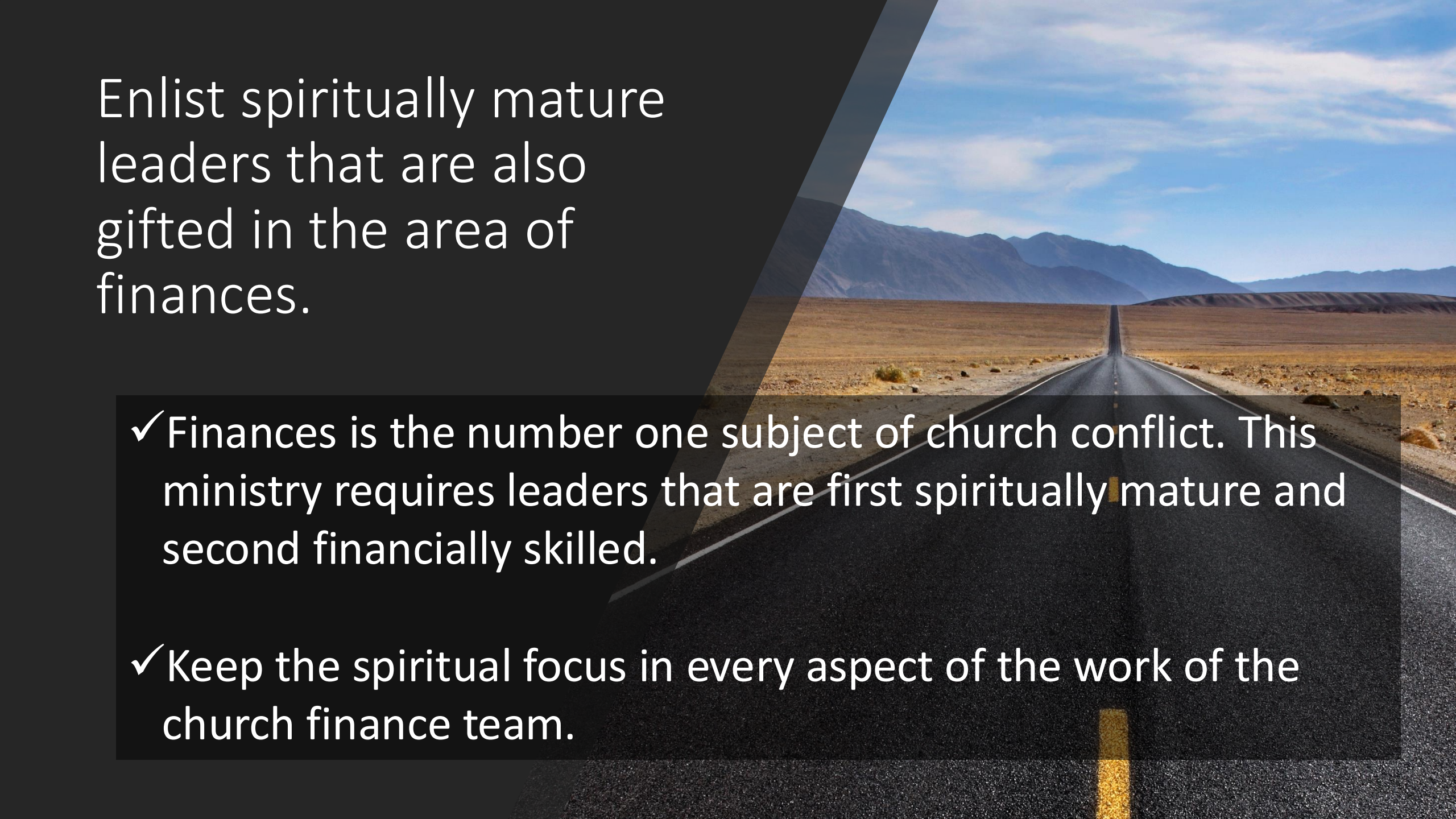




The correct Biblical concept of money is  
that God owns it all and allows us to  
manage it for him.

*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it”  
Psalm 24:1*

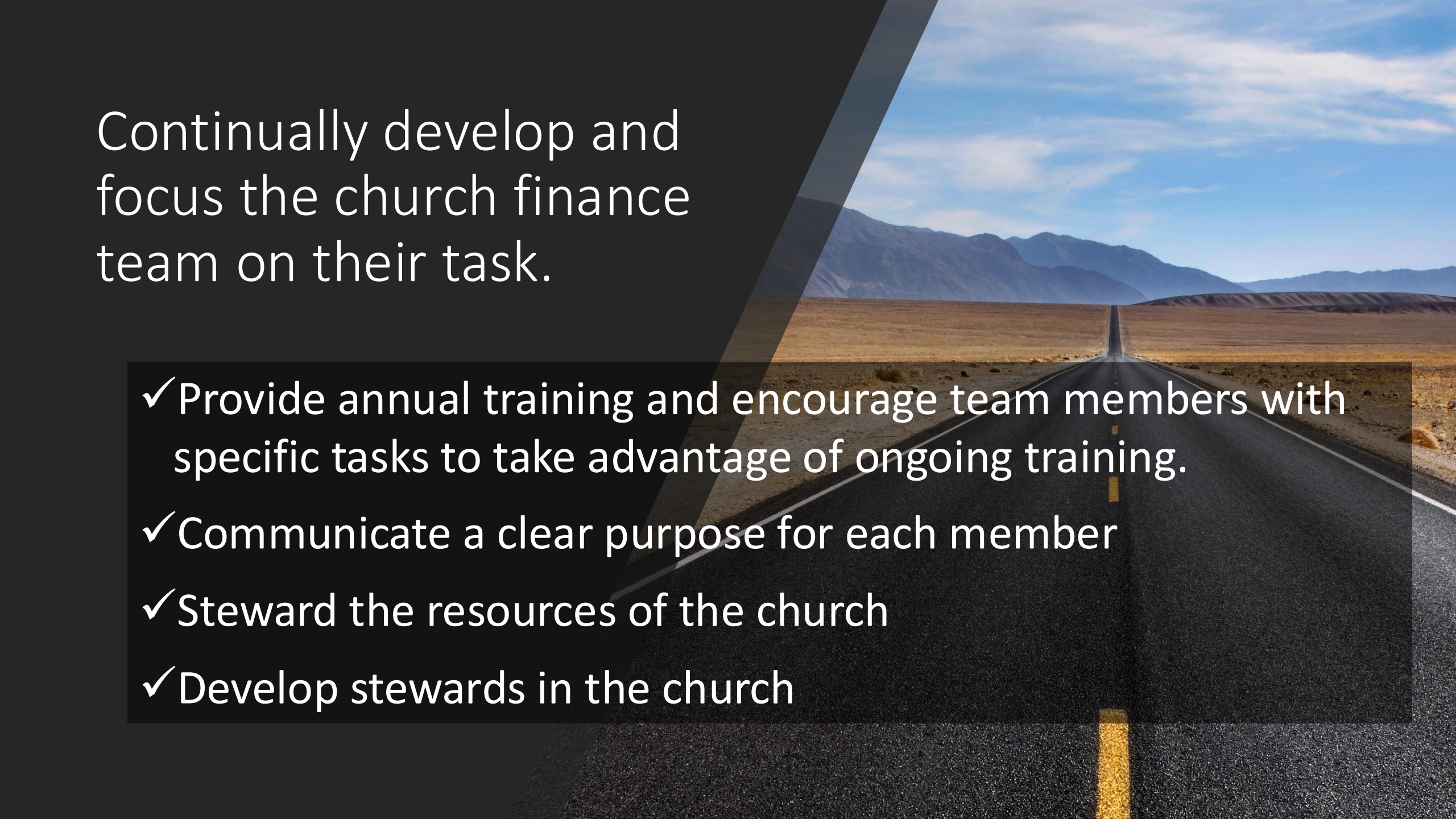


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Enlist spiritually mature leaders that are also gifted in the area of finances.

- ✓ Finances is the number one subject of church conflict. This ministry requires leaders that are first spiritually mature and second financially skilled.
- ✓ Keep the spiritual focus in every aspect of the work of the church finance team.




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Continually develop and focus the church finance team on their task.

- ✓ Provide annual training and encourage team members with specific tasks to take advantage of ongoing training.
- ✓ Communicate a clear purpose for each member
- ✓ Steward the resources of the church
- ✓ Develop stewards in the church






Develop and enforce a system of checks and balances at every level.

✓ Develop accountable practices for each area including;

- Collection and counting of the offering
- Church budgeting
- Check writing procedures
- Credit Card procedures
- Reimbursement procedures
- Account balancing & reporting



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Seek to encourage fellow believers to grow in the grace of giving.

- ✓ Lead Personal Finance Management courses for individuals and couples in the church.
- ✓ Lead an annual stewardship campaign
- ✓ Encourage stewardship each Sunday through creative means
- ✓ Other ideas



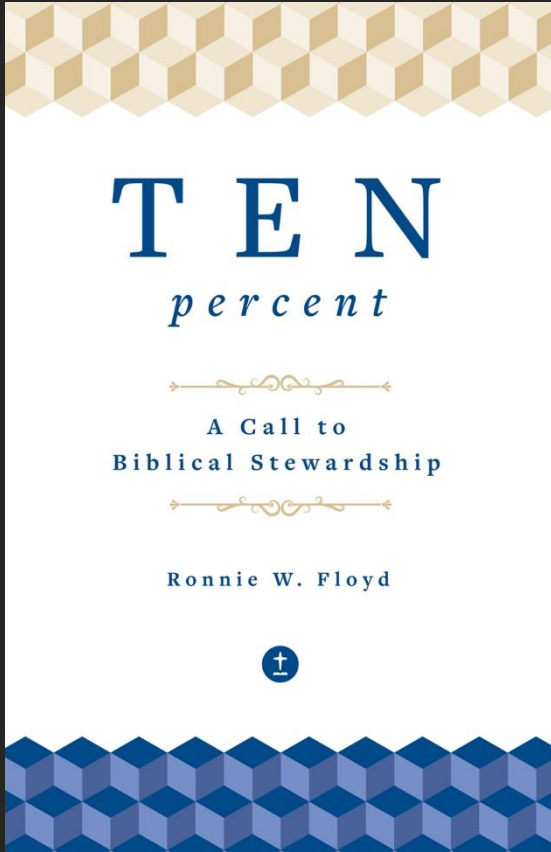
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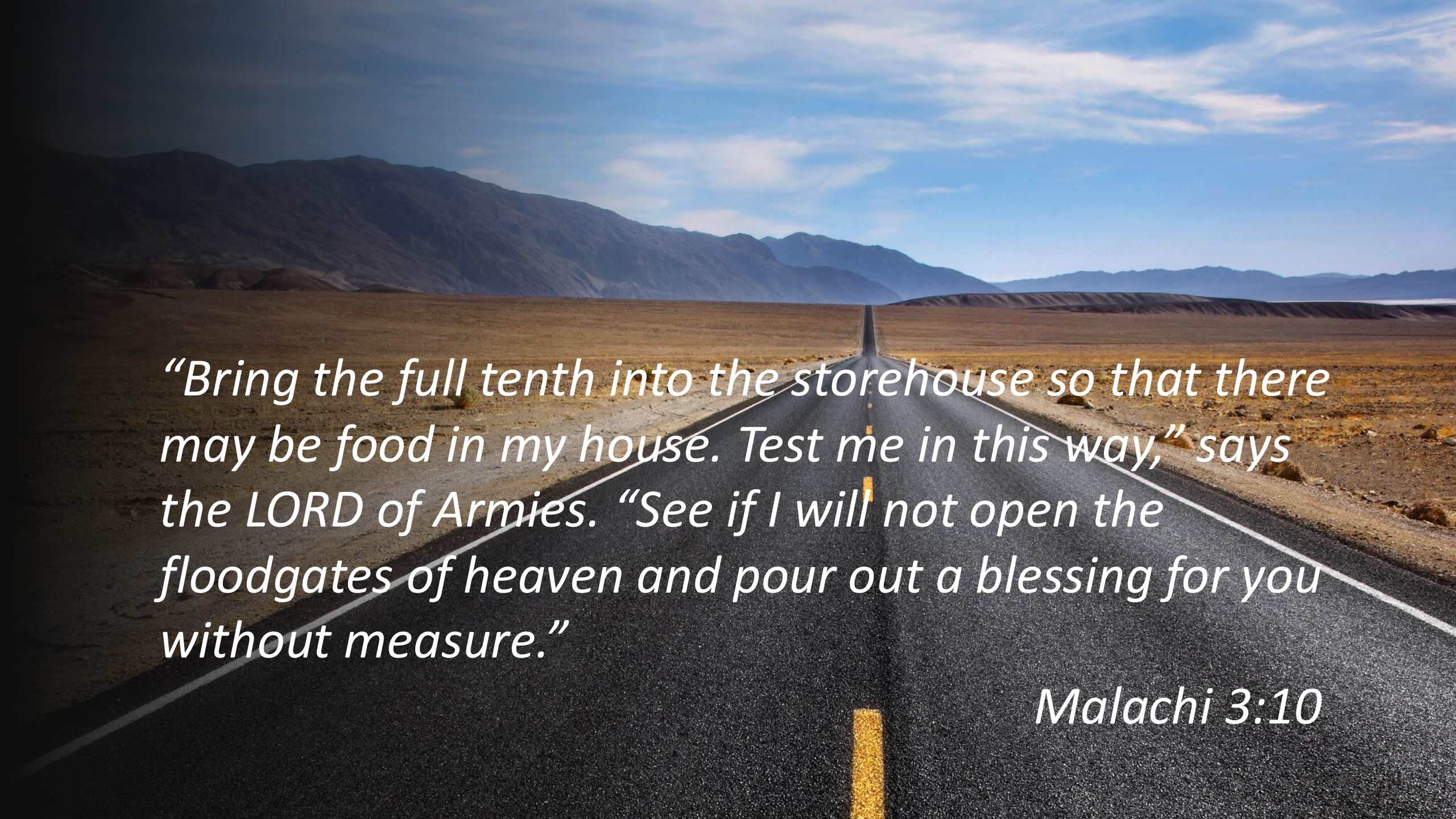


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*“Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way,” says the LORD of Armies. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”*

*Malachi 3:10*