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WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?



WHEN NEW TO A SITUATION WE SOMETIMES NEED TO ASK "WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?" TO GET THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO COMPLETE THE TASK AT HAND.

WE COULD ASK THE SAME THING ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION - "WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MY MONEY?". WELL, IN THE MATTER OF OUR FINANCES, WE HAVE A ROLE AND GOD HAS A ROLE.

I LIKE TO EXPLAIN GOD'S ROLE BASED USING THE ACRONYM C.O.P. MY FATHER WAS A POLICEMAN FOR OVER 25 YEARS IN EVANSVILLE, IN. THAT HELPS ME TO REMEMBER THE ACRONYM AND WHAT EACH LETTER STANDS FOR (ALTHOUGH I USE THE LETTERS OUT OF ORDER).

FIRST, O. – BESIDES BEING THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, WE MUST REALIZE THAT GOD IS ALSO THE OWNER OF EVERYTHING. PSALM 24:1 STATES IT THIS WAY- *THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ALL IT CONTAINS, THE WORLD, AND THOSE WHO DWELL IN IT. GOD OWNS THE LAND (LEVITICUS 25:23), THE ANIMALS (PSALM 50:10-12) AND ALL THE GOLD AND SILVER (HAGGAI 2:8). HE IS LORD OF ALL THINGS.*

SECOND, C. – GOD IS IN CONTROL; OF OUR TRIALS AND OUR BLESSINGS. ISAIAH 45:6 SAYS . *I AM THE LORD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER. I FORM THE LIGHT AND CREATE DARKNESS, I BRING PROSPERITY AND CREATE DISASTER; I, THE LORD, DO ALL THESE THINGS.*

AND THIRDLY, P. – THE LORD PROVIDES US WITH WHAT WE NEED. THE SAME LORD WHO PROVIDED FOR THE ISRAELITES WHILE IN THE WILDERNESS AND FED 5,000 FROM 5 FISH CAN, AND DOES, PROVIDE YOUR AND MY NEEDS. THE LORD TOLD US THROUGH THE APOSTLE PAUL IN PHILIPPIANS 4:19- *AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.*

OUR ROLE, AS STEWARDS OF GOD'S PROVISIONS, IS TO BE A FAITHFUL MANAGER OF EVERYTHING HE GIVES US. 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2 SAYS IT THIS WAY- *NOW IT IS REQUIRED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TRUST MUST PROVE FAITHFUL.*

SO SCRIPTURE IS VERY CLEAR ON WHO IS IN CHARGE, I.E., THE LORD. MAY OUR LIVES REFLECT THAT WE ALSO HAVE A ROLE AS STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCES AND OTHER BLESSINGS THE LORD SEES FIT TO BRING INTO OUR LIVES.

IN HIS SERVICE,
BEN BULLOCK