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WE CAN'T GIVE THINGS TO GOD...HE ALREADY OWNS IT ALL.

1 Chronicles 29:14 *Psalm 24:1* *Psalm 50:10*
Haggai 2:8 *James 1:17*

STEWARDSHIP IS LESS ABOUT GIVING THAN ABOUT OBEDIENCE

Luke 14:33

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice."
1 Sam. 15:22

To obey is better than sacrifice
I don't need your money
I want your life
And I hear you say that I'm coming back soon
But you act like I'll never return

To obey is better than sacrifice
I want more than Sunday and Wednesday nights
Cause if you can't come to me every day
Then don't bother coming at all
Lyrics from Keith Green's "To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice"

KEEP A *LOOSE GRIP* INSTEAD
OF A *TIGHT GRIP* ON YOUR POSSESSIONS

"... you are not your own; you were bought at a price."
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Patting Mother Teresa on the back, someone said to her,
"I wouldn't do what you do for a million dollars."
She said with a grin, "Me neither."

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