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*Refresh Your Finances*  
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They were experience a “virtual” recession. Perhaps you can identify with their financial stress.

The specific commandments related to their finances were all driven by the central commitment to obey the commands, ordinances and statutes of the Lord our God. I have always been amazed that many Christians trust their eternal destiny to the integrity of God’s Word, but they remain unwilling to trust the reliability of God’s Word when it comes to their daily finances.

The key principle of Nehemiah 10:32-39 is found in the phrase, “we will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord year by year” (10:35). A form of this phrase is repeated four times in the span of three verses. The “refreshing of their finances” was first a reminder of their privilege to be stewards of all God created. Further, it was a celebration of God’s choice of Israel to join Him in His kingdom activity. A part of that kingdom activity involved he activities of worship, caring for the needy and expanding the kingdom to the ends of the earth — all of which require financial support.

What can we learn from this passage that can help us “refresh our finances?”

Everything begins with a renewed commitment to live by the financial principles taught in God’s Word.

We must understand we are stewards, not owners.

We must dedicate our money, possessions and children to serve the King.

Our kingdom commitment allows us to support pastors and missionaries who have committed their lives to the advance of God’s kingdom.

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*Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done In this city  
Where glory shines from hearts alive  
With praise for You and love for You In this city  
Great things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done In this city  
Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done here*

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*There is no one like our God There is no one like our God  
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**Song of Commitment**

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***"My Heart Is Yours"***

*I give you my life I give You my trust Jesus  
And You are my God And You are enough Jesus*

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*I give you my life I give You my trust Jesus  
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*My heart is Yours my heart is Yours  
Take it all take it all My life in Your hands  
My heart is Yours (Lord) my heart is Yours  
Take it all take it all My life in Your hands*

*My heart is Yours my heart is Yours  
Take it all take it all My life in Your hands  
My heart is Yours (Lord) my heart is Yours  
Take it all take it all My life in Your hands*

*I lay down my life I take up my cross Jesus  
For You are my God Whatever the cost Jesus O Jesus*

*I lay down my life I take up my cross Jesus  
For You are my God Whatever the cost Jesus O Jesus*

*And all to Jesus I surrender All to You I freely give  
Oh I will ever love and trust You In Your presence I will live*

*And all to Jesus I surrender All to You I freely give  
Oh I will ever love and trust You In Your presence I will live*

*I just want to be with You I just want to be with You  
Lord we just want to be with You Lord we just want to be with You  
Oh wherever You are and wherever You're going  
Lord wherever You are and wherever You're going  
Oh take us with You oh take us with You  
Oh wherever You're going I just want to be with You*

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