

“Understanding the Biblical Principles of Stewardship” 1/03/10

Sermon Series- “Biblical Foundations of Stewardship”

Steward- someone who manages the resources of another to accomplish the goals of the owner; manager. (Genesis 39:2-4; Psalm 24:1; Matthew 22:17-21)

Recognize: 1) not an owner; 2) responsibilities; 3) judgment

NO FEAR- Not MY MESSAGE, Just the MESSENGER- 500 vs 2000

POINT 1- Understanding stewardship challenges us to move from our FAILURES
REASONS PEOPLE DON'T GIVE WHAT THEY SHOULD

A. Some believers don't give because of the failure of Pastoral Leadership
(Don't teach it- Deut. 8 or challenge the congregation- Moses, David, Haggai)

B. Some believers don't give because they have SPIRITUAL problems
(Matthew 6:20-21; Hag. 1:3-4; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Matt 6:31-33; 2 Cor 9:5)

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
(Matthew 6:20-21)

1) **Perverted Priorities; 2) Lack of contentment 3) Lack of faith 4) Covetous**

C. Some believers don't give because they have FINANCIAL problems
(debt; overspending; lack of budget- Proverbs 22:7-slave to lender; 27:23)

"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, a give careful attention to your herds;" (Pro 27:23)

D. Some believers don't give because they don't KNOW HOW

E. Some believers don't give because they don't intentionally PLAN TO GIVE (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:11)

Going Deeper *God wants you to move beyond your past and into OBEDIENCE!*

POINT 2- Understanding stewardship challenges us to move to be FAITHFUL

A. Being a faithful steward causes us to realize that God OWNS IT ALL
(Psalm 24:1-2; **50:7-15**; Ezekiel 18:4; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

STORY OF MAN GIVING ALL TO GOD AND HE GIVES IT BACK

B. Being a faithful steward causes us to realize that God ENABLES US
(Deuteronomy 8:17-19; 1 Chronicles 29:11-16; John 3:27)

"Indeed, everything comes from you, and we have simply given back to you what is yours"
1 Chronicles 29:11; *"Both wealth and riches come from you"* 1 Chronicles 29:12

C. Being a faithful steward causes us to realize that God APPOINTS US
1) Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities
2) Every decision is a spiritual decision
3) The fundamental requirement for a steward is FAITHFULNESS
(1 Corinthians 4:2; Numbers 12:7; Hebrews 3:1-5)

Going Deeper *God wants you to repent if necessary and acknowledge His Lordship!*

¹⁴ *"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. (Matthew 25:14, 19)*