

Faithful Stewardship

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Stewardship: Time Temple Talents Treasures

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Big Idea: Stewardship may be a word we don't use often, but its teaching is clearly communicated in Scripture. Three facts about being a steward of GOD: (1) God is honored with faithful stewardship, (2) God holds stewards to a future accountability, (3) God rewards faithful stewardship. Allow these truths to motivate you to know, love, and serve GOD in a more meaningful and faithful way as we await the return of Jesus Christ.

- **Biblical Stewardship** recognizes that **God** owns everything and we are stewards of the time and resources **He** provides.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 *Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found **faithful**.*

- Stewardship can look different among believers, but every steward shares a common call to **faithfulness**.
Re: **1 Peter 4:10**
- Faithful stewardship honors **God** and is rewarded by **God**.

Hebrews 6:10 *For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

- God is aware of every detail of our lives. **Psalms 139**
- Like all Biblical responsibilities, stewardship counters competing affections by a sincere commitment to Jesus Christ.
Re: **Matthew 22:36-40**
- **Scripture** will always face spiritual attacks because of **what and who** it represents.

Biblical Christianity has the most reasonable and reliable answers to life's major questions. This claim is made for two reasons: **The risen Christ and the Word of GOD.**

→ The resurrection of Christ and Scripture have historical and archeological support, and they have fulfilled prophecy, affirming the claims of Biblical Christianity.

Four major issues of life for every religion and philosophy to address:

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| 1. Origin | 3. Evil and Suffering |
| 2. Meaning | 4. Destiny |

→ **In 21 words, Jesus countered philosophical and religious traditions:**

John 17:3 *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent*

- Atheists say there is no God
- Polytheists say there are many gods
- Agnostics say there is a God, but you cannot know Him
- Moralists say there is a God, but you do not need Him
- Religionists say there is a God, and you need to earn your way to Him.

John 10:10-11 *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (Read **John 10**)*

Biblical Stewardship will...

1. Expose selfish desires and motives
2. Confront and counter materialism
3. Challenge our faith
4. Revise our personal agendas
5. Adjust our calendar and checkbook

Biblical Stewardship will also...

1. Confirm our love and commitment to Christ
2. Bring benefits in our present life and eternity
3. Protect you from self-deception and harmful temptations
4. Increase and deepen your faith

Four categories of Biblical Stewardship

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Proverbs 27:1 *Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.*

Lesson from Proverbs 27:1

Life is a gift from GOD – be **thankful** for it.

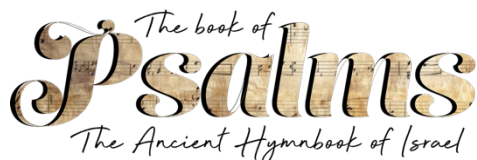
Life is a gift from GOD – be **careful** with it.

Life is a gift from GOD – **invest** it, don't waste it.

- Biblical stewardship teaches us *how and why* to invest our lives in **Jesus Christ**.
- Take any topic of life, and one of two things is occurring within each of us:
(1) **Culture is molding us** (2) **Scripture is transforming us**

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do **not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

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