

Stewardship

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 25:14-30.

B. Steward means “administrator or manager of another person’s resources.”

II. Our property belongs to God.

A. God is the owner of everything. (Psalm 24:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Psalm 50:10-12)

B. Man possesses things, but ultimately God is the owner of them. (Matthew 25)

III. We will be accountable to God for how we steward His possessions. (Matthew 25; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

A. As Christians, we are responsible stewards of all that we possess and we will give account to God for all of our property, health, family, etc. (Deuteronomy 8:17-18; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 14-16)

B. Even in our giving, we are stewards and responsible to God for our decisions about where to give.

IV. God expects a return on His investment, not only in our lives but also our material possessions.

A. For example, our homes should be used for God’s glory. The furnishings should not be distractingly bare or lavish, but more importantly we should use our homes to bring Him glory.

B. How we use what we have is far more important than what we have.

C. Our giving should earn a return on our investment. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

1. God is the ultimate provider for the world.

2. God is interested in providing for the material needs of the world, sometimes through us. He wants us to be willing to give.

D. God expects us to manage our money, not just spend it.

1. Have a budget plan that allows you to be intentional about how you spend money.

Application questions:

1. How can you be more intentional about how you spend the resources God has given you?

2. Have you asked God where you should be giving and how much? Spend some time considering your giving options prayerfully and make any changes necessary.

3. How can you be using the non-financial resources God has given you to bring Him glory (i.e. car, home, family, etc.)?
