

Stewardship Being a Manager of God's Money

Mathew 25:14-30

Biblical Truths to Being A Good Steward

I. It's All God's

a. **Psalms 24:1** – *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Financial Decision)*

b. We have to be willing to do it his way

Isiah 55:8 – “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

II. We Have to Know His Character and Emulate It

Psalms 146:5-9 – *1Blessed is he whose help is God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.*

a. God loves people

Eph 5:1-2 – *Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

1. He has compassion

Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.

2. Serve and look out for their interests

Phil 2:3-5 –Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

3. Struggling people

b. Working Hard

Gen 2:2 – By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

1. God is a hard worker

Eph 4:28 – He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

2. **Prov 10:4** – *Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

3. “Our Best Effort”

Prov 14:23 – All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

c. We have to be wise

1. God wrote a book on wisdom

Prov 1 & 2 – Benefits of Wisdom

Save us, protect us, prolong our life, it will give us prosperity

2. God does not like waste

John 6:12 – When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”

3. Wisdom with our money

Luke 14:28 – “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?”

A. Practical things

Prov 22:7 –The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. Be careful with loans.

d. God is a giver (we can start with nothing, we just have to start) Ecc 4:10 NLT

John 3:16 –“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1. Reason to give

A. We love him

B. Obedience

C. Positions us for blessings

2. ***Luke 21:1-4** – As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you the truth,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.*

A. Our giving is important to Jesus

B. Our giving must cost us

C. He wants to stretch us

III. Benefits of Managing God's Money

a. You get on his team

1 CO 15:57 – But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

b. You get in his economy

Mathew 13 – Parable of the sower

c. The favor and the blessings

Prov 3:4 – Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

d. *Mark 14:3-5 – While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.*

Can you imagine giving a years salary to the Lord?