

Living Word Fellowship Church
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A Biblical Analysis of how God Defines Stewardship

The Mindset of a Steward
Lesson #3

A. A Good Steward:

1. Proverbs 11:28; NASU: - "He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf."
2. Proverbs 12:11; NASU: "He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who pursues worthless things lacks sense."
3. Proverbs 8:17-21; NASU: - "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me. Riches and honor are with me, Enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, And my yield is better than choicest silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love me with wealth, That I may fill their treasuries."
4. Ecclesiastes 5: 19 -20 states, "Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart." (NASU)
5. Ecclesiastes 3:22 states, "I have seen that nothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot. For who will bring him to see what will occur after him?"
6. Psalms 128:5-6; NASU: "The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!"
7. 1 Corinthians 4:1-3; NASU: "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy." (Matthew 25:14-31)
8. Acts 2:45; NASU: Excited Christians in the first century Church sold their property and possessions to share with other believers as anyone might have need.
9. 1 Corinthians 16:2-4; NASU: "On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me."
10. 2 Corinthians 8:1-6; NASU: "Paul's ministry to the Macedonia's caused them to understand the power and blessings of God's grace; it was an indescribable gift to them. Their appreciation for God's generosity was so overwhelming that even though they were in deep poverty, they gladly freely gave to the purposes of God."

This mindset establishes righteousness in the heart and life of a good Stewart: "Now He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and

increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:10-11; NASU)

B. A Worthless Steward:

1. Proverbs 10:16; NASU: “The wages of the righteous is life, The income of the wicked, punishment.”
2. Proverbs 11:6; NASU: “The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the treacherous will be caught by their own greed.”
3. Matthew 25:24-30; NASU: "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
4. Luke 16:11-12; NASU: "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"
5. Revelation 3:15-19; NASU: “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked (2 Peter 1:9-11), I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”

C. List five attitudes that a Christian should not have concerning his possessions:

- a) Proverbs 11:18 - Do not be deceptive
- b) Proverbs 18:11; 1 Timothy 6:17-19- Do not trust in riches.
- c) Jeremiah 9:23 - Do not glory in riches.
- d) Luke 12:15 - Do not be greedy.
- e) Luke 16:13; 1 John 2:15-19 - Do not be a servant to riches.

Conclusion

REMEMBER, we are His stewards: “Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over

the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." (Genesis 1:26-31; NASU)