

Stewardship 09- #03 Our Tithing

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- *Steward* simply means manager
- *Stewardship* has to do with what we do with all that God gives to us and has already given us

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

- Of all the areas to talk about in church, giving of treasures is the most controversial
- Remember that God owns everything

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalms 50:10-12 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Job 41:11 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

- God has given us the strength to make all the money we have

Deuteronomy 8:11-18 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

1. Some blessings associated with giving

a) Helps us to overcome selfishness

- Giving, by its very nature, is the opposite of selfishness

b) Helps to establish our heart in that area where we are giving

Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

c) Helps us to avoid materialism

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows

- God asks us to give Him the “*Tithe*” of our income

Malachi 3:8-11 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

2. Some points to ponder about tithing

a) God equates not tithing with robbing Him

- Ill- Guys who stole from our church
- Ill- Guy who robbed house, sent tithe in

b) The tithe goes to the church

- Give to the church where you are being feed
- Ill. restaurant

c) The tithe goes to the church to meet its needs

d) God says He will use tithing to prove His reality in your life

e) The blessings you receive from tithing far exceeds what you gave

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

f) Tithing is just the starting point for Christians

g) God doesn't look at how much you give, but how much you have left

- ill- Man with \$100,000 and widow who makes \$800 a month

In conclusion:

- If you give yourself to Christ, stewardship will not be a problem to you
- Make a commitment to be a faithful steward in the three areas
- If you cannot give your money, which is the hardest to do, you will not last as a Christian