

## “STEWARDSHIP”

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(“Giving; Offerings; Tithes”)

A. Our Source: The source of everything is God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)!

Creation: **Genesis 1:1-3a** (KJV)

**1 In the beginning God** created the heaven and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God moved upon** the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And **God said, Let there be light:** and there was...

**Colossians 1:15-18** (Jubilee Bible 2000)

<sup>15</sup> who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature;

<sup>16</sup> for by him were all things created, that *are* in the heavens and that *are* in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they are* thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: all things were created by him and in him;

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the congregation, {Gr. ekklesia – called out ones} who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

**1 Corinthians 4:7** (Good News Translation)

<sup>7</sup> Who made you superior to others? **Didn't God give you everything you have?** Well, then, how can you boast, as if what you have were not a gift?

**Deuteronomy 8:17-18** (Good News Translation)

<sup>17</sup> So then, *you must never think that you have made yourselves wealthy by your own power and strength.* <sup>18</sup> **Remember that it is the LORD your God who gives you the power to become rich.** He does this because he is still faithful today to the covenant that he made with your ancestors.

**B.Our Responsibility:** God has delegated management/stewardship responsibilities to mankind.

**Genesis 1:26-27** (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

<sup>26</sup> God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image, in the image *and* likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

***(Responsibility & Privilege Demands  
ACCOUNTABILITY)***

**Matthew 25:14-30** (Common English Bible)

<sup>14</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and **handed his possessions over to them.** <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. **He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability.** Then he left on his journey.

<sup>16</sup> "After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "Now after a long time **the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.** <sup>20</sup> The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, '**Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant!** You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

<sup>22</sup> "The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, '**Well done! You are a good and faithful servant.** You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

<sup>24</sup> "Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. <sup>25</sup> So **I was afraid**. And **I hid my valuable coin in the ground**. Here, you have what's yours.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, '**You evil and lazy servant!** You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? <sup>27</sup> In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. <sup>29</sup> Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. <sup>30</sup> **Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.**' *"People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.*

**c. Our Minimum:** Scripture shows us that the natural starting point for our financial support of God's church (His store house) is a tithe (10%).

### **Genesis 14:17-20** (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the

kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

**18** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

**19** And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

**20** And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (Abram) gave him (Melchizedek) tithes of all (**a tenth of everything**).

**Malachi 3:8-11** (New American Standard Bible)

**8** "Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' *In* tithes and [a]offerings. **9** You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the entire nation *of you!* **10** Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and **put Me to the test now in this," says the LORD of armies,** "if (I will) ... open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until [b]it overflows. **11** Then **I will rebuke the devourer for you,** so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you," says the LORD of armies.

D. **Our privilege:** We get to be co-laborers with God in His Kingdom Business!

**Galatians 6:6** (New American Standard Bible)

<sup>6</sup> The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches *him*.

**1 Corinthians 9:11&14** (New American Standard Bible)

<sup>11</sup> If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? <sup>14</sup> So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

**E. Offerings:**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**(Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

<sup>6</sup> [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly *and* grudgingly will also reap sparingly *and* grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously *and* with blessings.

<sup>7</sup> Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind *and* purposed in his heart, not reluctantly *or* sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, “prompt to do it”) giver [whose heart is in his giving].

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always *and* under all circumstances *and* whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation.]

**Exodus 25:2-3** (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

<sup>2</sup> Speak to the Israelites, that they take for Me an offering. From every man who gives it willingly *and* ungrudgingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

<sup>3</sup> This is the offering you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze,