



Building the Ships: Stewardship
5-Day Devotional | "Source. Seed. Sower."
Sermon Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV, TPT)

City of Zion Vision Statement: Because excellence is our standard, the City of Zion will lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating an atmosphere of health, healing, and wholeness through Prayer, Praise, and Preaching.

DAY 1 — GOD IS THE SOURCE

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV) "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed..."

Stewardship begins with recognition: God is the Source.

We are not owners—we are managers. Everything we have flows from Him and returns to Him. Culture teaches us to rely on hustle, skill, and speed. Scripture teaches us to rely on God.

When Chick-fil-A chose faithfulness over profit by closing on Sundays, it made a statement: honoring God matters more than maximizing gain. God honored that decision. The lesson is simple—God honors us when we honor Him with our time.

Reflection: Are you too busy for God—or is God ordering your time?

Prayer: "Lord, recalibrate my life around You. I acknowledge You as my Source in every area."

DAY 2 — TIME IS A SEED

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Farmers understand timing. If they miss the season, the harvest is lost. Scripture teaches us the same truth: time is a seed. What we sow our time into determines what we reap in life. Worship, prayer, and Scripture are not interruptions—they are investments. If time is the new money, then wasted time is lost capital.

Reflection: What are you sowing your time into daily?

Practice: Begin your day with silence. No noise. No phone. Breathe. Be still. Listen for God first.



DAY 3 — THE LAW OF SOWING

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV) “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly...”

The economy of eternity is not built on nickels and dimes—it is built on seedtime and harvest. This law applies to everything: time, talent, treasure, and spiritual gifts. A seed has a future—but only if it’s planted. Faithfulness in sowing produces fruitfulness in living. When the world shakes, the Kingdom economy stands firm.

Reflection: Am I sowing with faith—or withholding out of fear?

Declaration: “I am a faithful sower. God can trust me with more than I can get on my own.”

DAY 4 — ATTITUDE & ACTION

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:8 (TPT) “Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace...”

God responds to both attitude and action. Giving is not about pressure—it’s about posture. Stewardship is not God getting something from us; it’s God doing something through us. Just like a winning football team prepares before game day, believers must prepare spiritually. God has already supplied what we need to win—we must position ourselves to receive it.

Reflection: Does my attitude toward giving reflect trust in God or control over outcomes?

Prayer: “God, align my heart with Your grace and my actions with Your will.”

DAY 5 — BUILDING SHIPS THAT LAST

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV) “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...”

Ships are not built overnight. They require patience, skill, and faith. Ancient civilizations built vessels knowing the waters would be uncertain—but preparation made the journey possible. We are building the Ship of Stewardship—lives prepared to carry purpose, faith, generosity, and legacy. We build knowing where we’re going, who we’re going with, and that God’s hand is steady on the helm.

Final Reflection: Will the giants move my faith—or will my faith move the giants?

Closing Declaration: “I build my hope on things eternal. I hold to God’s unchanging hand.”