



Building the Ships: Stewardship
5-Day Devotional | "You're Carrying Too Much!"
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 6:33 TPT

Pastor's Power Point: "I will always have because I will always give to God first!"

Day 1 – You Are Not a Camel

Matthew 6:33 (TPT) – "So above all, constantly chase after the realm of God's kingdom and the righteousness that proceeds from Him. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly."

Camels were designed to carry extraordinary weight. A dromedary camel carries one hump, while a bactrian camel carries two, storing fat for fuel along long journeys. They can carry hundreds of pounds for miles at a time. But here's the truth: you are not a camel.

God never designed you to carry the weight of worry, provision, fear, and financial pressure all by yourself. When we try to manage everything without God, we end up overloaded and exhausted.

Reflection: What burdens—especially financial ones—have you been carrying that God never asked you to pick up?

Prayer: Lord, I release the weight I was never meant to carry. Teach me to seek You first and trust You with my provision. Amen.

Day 2 – Order Impacts Outcome

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Jesus makes it clear: order matters. Our primary pursuit is not things—it is God, His Kingdom, and His righteousness.

Everything belongs to God. Everything comes from God. Everything is dispersed by God. When we chase things God didn't give us, anxiety follows. But when we pursue God first, provision is added.

Reflection Question: Is God first in the order of your finances, or does He get what's left over?

Prayer: God, help me reorder my priorities. I choose You first, trusting You with every outcome. Amen.



Day 3 – Stewardship, Not Ownership

Psalm 24:1-2; Genesis 1:28

Biblical stewardship teaches that we are managers, not owners. What we possess is held in trust by God, the rightful owner.

A steward is accountable to the owner for proper management. This truth reshapes how we view money, income, and possessions.

Reflection Question: How would your spending change if you truly believed everything you have belongs to God?

Prayer: Father, remind me that I am a steward. Help me manage Your resources in ways that honor You. Amen.

Day 4 – Every Spending Decision Is Spiritual

Isaiah 58:6-7

Money and possessions can either serve God's purposes or fuel injustice and idolatry.

Remembering God is not just intellectual—it's practical. How we handle money reflects our relationship with Him.

The body of Christ is called to handle money differently, sharing in a neighborly way for the common good.

Reflection Question: What recent financial decisions reflected your faith—or revealed areas needing growth?

Prayer: Lord, sanctify my financial decisions. Let my stewardship be a testimony of my trust in You. Amen.

Day 5 – First Fruits Set the Course

Proverbs 3:9-10; Exodus 23:19

First Fruit giving is an act of thanksgiving and obedience. It declares that God is our source.

Principles are non-negotiable. People don't change principles—principles change people.

When we honor God first, He promises to bless us in multiple areas of life.

Reflection Question: What would it look like for you to fully trust God with your first and your best?

Prayer: God, I honor You with my first fruits. What You started in January, I trust You to continue all year long. Amen.