

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority

Therefore, Be A Giver, Not A Taker

Ephesians 4:28

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The Lord’s Day Morning

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Stewardship is the biblical principle that acknowledges that every good thing we have comes from and belongs to God. He has entrusted us with these things for our good and his glory. As his stewards, we will give an account to him, our Master, for how we have managed our time, talent, treasure, positions, possessions, power, children, biblical truth, spiritual gifts, physical health, and financial assets. When it comes to money, the follower of Christ begins with the fundamental truth that all money is God’s money (Jas. 1:17; 1 Cor. 6:19,20; 1 Cor. 9:17,18; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Tim. 6:17,18; Mt. 6:31–33). Therefore, because Jesus Christ is Lord, he has the right to tell us how to manage *his* money.

Financial Practices Drawn from Ephesians 4:28

1. Respect the principle of private property.
2. Love your neighbor by going to work.
3. Make more money than you need.
4. Spend less money than you make.
5. Save money for your future needs.
6. Share money to meet the needs of others.

Application for Gather–Grow–Go

1. Gather: Show up on Sunday mornings prepared for _____.
2. Grow: Grow up in a community group to learn _____.
3. Go: Step up and serve in _____.