

Bible Study Lesson: The First 11 Laws of Stewardship  
Based on 'The 33 Laws of Stewardship' by Dave Sutherland and Kirk Nowery

Lesson Title: Foundations of Faithful Stewardship

Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 4:2 – 'Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.'

Main Idea: The first 11 laws of stewardship lay the foundation for a life that honors God with all He has entrusted to us. These principles help us understand our role, responsibility, and relationship to the resources God provides.

Overview of the First 11 Laws:

1. The Law of

God owns everything; we are simply managers of His resources.

Psalms 24:1 – 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.'

2. The Law of

We are responsible for how we manage what God gives us.

Luke 16:10 – 'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.'

3. The Law of

We will give an account to God for our stewardship.

Romans 14:12 – 'So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.'

4. The Law of

Faithful stewards will be rewarded by God.

Matthew 25:21 – 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

5. The Law of

Investing in God's kingdom yields eternal returns.

Matthew 6:20 – 'Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.'

6. The Law of

True stewardship includes being content with what God provides.

Philippians 4:11 – 'I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.'

7. The Law of

Stewardship requires trusting God to provide.

Hebrews 11:6 – 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'

8. The Law of

Stewardship often involves giving beyond convenience.

Romans 12:1 – 'Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.'

9. The Law of

God calls us to give freely and cheerfully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 – 'God loves a cheerful giver.'

10. The Law of

Gratitude fuels faithful stewardship.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – 'Give thanks in all circumstances.'

11. The Law of

God must come first in all areas of life.

Matthew 6:33 – 'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.'

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of these 11 laws challenges you the most and why?
2. How can you begin to apply the Law of Ownership in your daily decisions?
3. In what ways can you practice the Law of Generosity this week?
4. How does the Law of Eternal Investment change your perspective on money and possessions?
5. What does it look like for you to live out the Law of Priority in your family, work, and finances?

Application Steps:

- Choose one law from the list to focus on this week. Pray and ask God to help you apply it.
- Create a simple plan to practice that law (e.g., give generously, express gratitude daily, prioritize time with God).
- Share your commitment with a trusted friend or small group member for encouragement and accountability.

Closing Thought:

Stewardship is not just about money—it is about our entire life. As we embrace these first 11 laws, we begin to align our hearts with God's purposes and live as faithful stewards of all He has entrusted to us.