

Title: BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IN PARTICIPATION, PARTNERSHIP & PRAISE

Main Scripture: Philippians 4:18-20

Participation with fellow believers through biblical stewardship is partnership with God.

Biblical stewardship involves tithing and charity. (Mk 12:41-44)

Charity includes those among us who are in need.

(Deut 15:7-8, 10-11; 1 Cor 12:26)

Charity crosses the line from obedience into sacrifice ... for building into God's kingdom for His glory.

(Heb 12:2-3)

God is pleased when we reflect His heart in stewarding His resources.

June 1 & 2, 2024 Speaker: Kris Schmidtke

## Reflection

Will you trust God to meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus?

Will you live into that trust through obedience and participation with God, using the money, resources and time He has given you to partner with Him in building His kingdom?

Will you allow His gifts (money, resources and time) to flow freely to you and through your hands to others?

God has promised good to you, a life of joy and peace, and promises through Jesus to be yours forever.

How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to further trust God with your finances, time and resources?

What barriers are there to you trusting Him?

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what those barriers are, and confess them right now.



## Biblical Stewardship in Participation, Partnership & Praise – Philippians 4:18-20

June 1-2, 2024

The Small Group Sermon Study

**Prayer:** Father God, thank You for teaching and leading us. We ask that You will guide our time today. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit and help us to honour You and bring You praise. Amen.

Read Philippians 4:18-20 together. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything He wants to bring to mind as you begin. Listen and respond to His directions.

• Participation with fellow believers through biblical stewardship is partnership with God.

Choose one of the following verses and discuss how this statement worked itself out in the lives of believers in biblical times, and how we can apply it to our lives in this current age.

Philippians 4:18-20; Philippians 1:3-7, 27; Philippians 2:2-4

• Biblical stewardship involves tithing and charity.

Read Matthew 6:19-34 and Mark 12:41-46. How did these stories impact your heart as you read through them? What encouragement did you glean from them?

Charity includes those among us who are in need.
(Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 2:25-30)

List some ways that we can be charitable. Think of ways that you have been charitable or have been on the receiving end of someone's charity. Why is this act an important part in the body of Christ?

• God is pleased when we reflect His heart in stewarding His resources. (Philippians 4:18-20).

Pastor Kris talked about how we can steward God's resources. What are some ways that you can think of to steward the resources He has given you? Take some time to ask the Holy Spirit if there is something He is wanting you to do in this regard.

**Prayer:** Spend time praying for each other and ask God to help each of you grow in using your life and your stuff to serve the Lord with greater generosity.