

# Committing: Time, Talent, & Tithe To God

**STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES FROM THE BIBLE**

# Review

- ▶ 1. What did God Create?
  - ▶ Everything
- ▶ 2. What role do we play in God's creation?
  - ▶ We are Trustees
- ▶ 3. How are we to use the resources God gifts us?
  - ▶ Wisely
- ▶ 4. What should be our first resource for financial knowledge?
  - ▶ The Bible
- ▶ 5. What kind of goals and plans should we make?
  - ▶ Measurable and Realistic
- ▶ 6. What matters most when dealing with God's resources?
  - ▶ Trustworthiness

# Be Faithful Earners

## Diligence in Service To God

- *Colossians 3:23 Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters,*

## Provide For Our Families

- *1 Timothy 5:8 And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

## Where It All Comes From

- *Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.*

## Be Content With What We Are Blessed To Have

- *Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot. Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God.*

# Be Faithful Earners Cont'd

## We Are New Creatures In Our Works

- *Ephesians 6:5-6 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*

## Share Liberally

- *Ephesians 4:28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.*

# Questions & Answers

- ▶ 1. How should we serve God?
  - ▶ **Diligently**
- ▶ 2. For whom does God expect us to provide?
  - ▶ **Our Family**
- ▶ 3. Who provides all our resources?
  - ▶ **God**
- ▶ 4. How are we to behave concerning our resources?
  - ▶ **With Contentment**
- ▶ 5. What are we now as Christians?
  - ▶ **New Creatures**
- ▶ 6. How are we to share the resources we are given?
  - ▶ **Liberally**

# Resources

- ▶ **Holy Bible NRSV**
- ▶ **The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary Vol. IX**
- ▶ **Good Steward Ministry Barnabas Foundation.com**
- ▶ **Counseling and Family Services [www.accounseling.org](http://www.accounseling.org)**
- ▶ ***The Joy Of Giving More Than Enough*, Bishop Gregory Ingram**

# Next Week Bible Study...

## The Art Of Giving

- ▶ Read verses:
- ▶ Genesis 1:26-27
- ▶ James 1:17
- ▶ Matthew 6:33
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:13-14
- ▶ Genesis 12:2-3
- ▶ 1 Timothy 6:18
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 20 9:6-7 & 10-14
- ▶ Matthew 23:23