Committing: Time, Talent, & Tithe To God

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES FROM THE BIBLE

God Owns It All

Our God Created Everything

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning there was nothing, and God created.
- Psalm 37:21-22 The wicked borrow, and do not pay back, but the righteous are generous and keep giving; for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off
- Psalm 50:10 For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
- We Are All Trustees Of Creation
 - 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

God Owns It All Cont'd

We Should Use Resources Wisely

Matthew 25: 21-28 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

God Owns It All Cont'd

Pursue Biblical Financial Knowledge First

- Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.
- Have Measurable Goals and Realistic Plans
- Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Trustworthiness Matters Most

Luke 16:10-12Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

Questions & Answers

▶ 1. What did God Create?

- Everything
- 2. What role do we play in God's creation?
 - ► <u>We are Trustees</u>
- ► 3. How are we to use the resources God gifts us?
 - ► <u>Wisely</u>
- ▶ 4. What should be our first resource for financial knowledge?

► <u>The Bible</u>

- ▶ 5. What kind of goals and plans should we make?
 - Measurable and Realistic
- ▶ 6. What matters most when dealing with God's resources?
 - ► <u>Trustworthiness</u>

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

Next Week Bible Study...

Read verses:

- Colossians 3:23
- ▶ 1 Timothy 5:8
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- Ecclesiastes 5:18-19
- Ephesians 6:5-6
- ► Ephesians 4:28