

Committing: Time, Talent, & Tithe To God

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES FROM THE BIBLE

Review

- ▶ 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**

The Art Of Giving

Our Purpose is to Give

- *Genesis 1:26-27* Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them,

Giving Because We Are Grateful

- *James 1:17* Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Giving to Our Source

- *Matthew 6:33* But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Art Of Giving Cont'd

Giving Should Be Cheerful and Sensible

- *2 Corinthians 8:1-5* We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,

Have the Right Motive For Giving

- [1 Corinthians 13](#)
- *Matthew 23:23* “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

Question & Answers

- ▶ 1. For what purpose were we created?
 - ▶ To Give
- ▶ 2. Why should we give?
 - ▶ Because we are grateful
- ▶ 3. Why should we first give to God?
 - ▶ Because He is our Source
- ▶ 4. How should we act while giving?
 - ▶ Cheerful and Sensible
- ▶ 5. What should be in order when we give?
 - ▶ Our Motives

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**
- ▶ ***The Joy Of Giving More Than Enough*, Bishop Gregory Ingram**

Next Week Bible Study...

A Time To Save

- ▶ Read verses:
- ▶ Proverbs 1:5, 6:8, 21:20, &24:27
- ▶ Luke 12:16-21 &14:28-30
- ▶ Ecclesiastes 11:2