

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Let Your Light Shine: Stewardship Principles

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

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‘Let Your Light Shine: Stewardship Principles’”

(Luke 6:38; Mt. 5:16; Ps. 24:1; 2 Cor. 8:7)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sun- day we study and apply God’s Word. In Luke 6:38, Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” What are the Bible’s basic Stewardship Principles for strong faith and strong churches?

I. God owns everything (Ps. 24:1)

II. God’s work must be supported by God’s people (Mt. 22:21)

A. regular giving: according to a specific, consistent pattern
B. responsive giving: in proportion to God’s blessing
C. reliant giving: based upon relying on God to supply
D. revelation giving: in accordance with God’s specific leading

III. God holds every person accountable (I Cor. 4:2)

IV. God’s will is that we give wisely & generously (2 Cor. 9:7)

V. God desires equal commitment, not equal contribution

(Mk. 12:42-44)

VI. God holds more responsible those to whom more is given

(Lk. 12:48; I Chron. 29:3)

VII. God blesses the giver in proportionate measure

(2 Cor. 9:6-11; Lk. 6:38)

CONCLUSION

The New Testament says, "See that you excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7). Ask God to etch these Stewardship Principles into our hearts and minds! Let Your Light Shine!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." By His very nature, God Himself is a "Giver". What is the greatest gift God ever gave (Jn. 3:16)? Are you more of a giver or a taker? Explain your answer.
2. When did you first become familiar with the Bible concept that God owns every-

thing and you are merely entrusted by Him temporarily with what you possess to

manage for His glory?
3. A "steward" who manages well is entrusted by God to manage more. What does

this look like in someone's daily life over time?
4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F All that I possess is temporarily entrusted to me from God.

T F I will be held accountable by God as a steward or manager.

T F I worked hard for what I have so it is all mine and mine alone.

T F God has been generous with me.

T F God is a Giver by His very nature.

T F My prayer is that I excel in this grace of giving.

T F He who dies with the most toys wins.

T F You don't have to have money to be rich.

T F Materialism is a philosophy, an attitude toward life.

5. I'd rate my current giving for Jesus with an: A B C D F (circle one).

6. The New Testament says, "See that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2

Corinthians 8:7), and goes on to say that our giving "tests the sincerity of our

love" (2 Corinthians 8:8). Does your giving pass the test? If you were on trial

for being a Christian, is there enough evidence in your checkbook record to

convict you?

7. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther said, "Possessions belong in your hands,

not in your heart." What did he mean?

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: