Stewardship

Pt. 2 – Obedience

Biblical Stewardship: using God-given resources to accomplish God-given goals.

The foundation of stewardship is <u>obedience</u>.

Jn. 14:15"If you love me, you will obey what I command."

If I want God's blessings, I have to obey His instructions.

A tithe is <u>ten percent</u> of my income – that's the starting point of obeying God.

Mal. 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Obedience: I give God what belongs to Him.

Faithful disobedience is still disobedience.

Obeying God is not about the amount, it's about the percentage.

When I choose to disobey God, I choose to live without His blessing.

Partial obedience is disobedience.

Delayed obedience is disobedience.

<u>Disobedience</u> never leads to good results.

Life's regrets are disobedience moments.

Disobedience results in a life outside God's blessing.

Common reasons why people choose not to obey God with their money:

- 1. I can't afford to tithe.
- 2. I think tithing is the Old Testament standard. I don't follow the Old Testament or the law.

Luke 11:42 "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone."

3. I'm not going to tithe because you're just saying that to get my money.

Faithful obedience leads to blessing.

When I obey God with my money, I experience His peace.