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Money Matters

# **STEWARDSHIP**

## **Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much**

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It simply is the responsible management of something that is entrusted to one's care. Beyond careful and responsible management **stewardship is to be exercised with the owner's best interest in mind.**

**A FAITHFUL STEWARD IS ONE WHO REALIZES THAT GOD OWNS EVERYTHING AND ACTS ON GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HUMANITY AND THE WORLD --- that is the increase of His Kingdom and glory!**

### **PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP:**

#### **1. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING**

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who live in it". Psalm 24*  
Not only in material things including — our time, talents, treasures, influence, relationships, and bodies are all entrusted to us by the Lord. Each of us is expected to manage responsibly what He has given for his kingdom and for his glory and we will all be held accountable.

#### **Your body is also something to steward?**

*"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body". 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

#### **The Holy Spirit is our Ally**

Once our focus is centered on God's glory and His kingdom, rather than our own interests, we can be confident the Holy Spirit will help us make the best decisions about our resources, day by day, including matters about saving, spending, taking on debt or paying off debt, giving to the needy, etc.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB*

#### **Stay connected through prayer and Bible reading**

*Psalm 25:4-5 NASB*

*James 1:5 NASB*

#### **2. ALIGN OURSELVES TO GOD'S PURPOSE OF EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM AND GLORY**

**Cleverly manage your financial resources with eternity in mind.**

*Luke 16:1-9*

Consider what Jesus is saying: wealth will always be lost either it leaves us while we live, or we leave it when we die. So, be wise (how wise? How shrewd) use it to “store up treasures in heaven”. *Matthew 6:19-21*

One of the biggest problems today I believe even with Christians when it comes to money is the attitude, “it will be gone anyway, so better enjoy it now.” as opposed to what Jesus wants us to have. “It will be gone one day, be sure to send a good portion to heaven ahead, treasure that will never stop paying dividends”.

### **Prioritize tithes and offering**

*Matthew 6:33 NASB, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:6*

Budget for savings after tithe and offering and then own/ family needs.

Suggested budget allocation:

1. Tithe -- (10%)

2. Free-will offering for God's agenda/ treasures in heaven (ex. Supporting missionaries or giving to the poor) -- 10% or your TIME and TALENT

3. Savings for emergency and wants/ growth/ investments ( 10-20%)

4. Needs:

a. Keep track of your expenses.

(Have you ever wondered where your hard-earned cash disappears? Keeping track of your expenses can be a real eye-opener.)

b. Spend less than what is left from items 1, 2 & 3.

### **3. ACTIVELY GROW/MULTIPLY WHAT HAS BEEN GIVEN**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

#### **TIPS IN GROWING/ MULTIPLYING RESOURCES**

- Do extra work
- Learn new skills
- Monetize your hobbies
- Do business

### **4. FAITHFUL STEWARDS WILL SURELY BE REWARDED- IF NOT IN THIS PRESENT AGE, IN THE AGE TO COME**

*Luke 16:10-12*

The ultimate reality: Earth's currency will be worthless when Christ return or when you die whichever comes first.

*Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!!*

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

### Personal spending plan (Budget)

	Amount
Monthly Income	
Additional Income	
Total Income	
Less Expenses	
Tithes & Offering	
Monthly Expenses	
Savings	
Needs: Groceries, Utilities	
Loans, Debts	

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