

* **New Testament Stewardship Principle #2: Give PROPORTIONATELY.**

***2****In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.****3****For I testify that* ***they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability****. Entirely on their own,****4****they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.****5****And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.****6****So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.****7****But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also* ***excel in this grace of giving****.*  2 Corinthians 8:1-7

* **New Testament Stewardship Principle #3: Give GENEROUSLY.**

***17****Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.****18****Command them to do good, to be* ***rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share****.****19****In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.* 1 Timothy 6:17-19

* **New Testament Stewardship Principle #4: Give CHEERFULLY.**

***6****Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.****7****Each of you should give what you have* ***decided in your heart to give****, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for* ***God loves a cheerful giver****.****8****And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

* **New Testament Stewardship Principle #5: Give On PURPOSE.**

*For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and* ***“The worker deserves his wages.****”* 1 Timothy 5:18

**BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP: GIVE…**

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*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

 Genesis 1:1

**KEY: God Is Creator /Owner -> Man Is Manager.**

**Stewardship**. Greek: *epitropos* = "manager, foreman, or steward, government, “governor, guardian or procurator. (See Gal 4:1-2)

Greek: *oikonomos* = "steward, manager, or administrator", “dispensation, stewardship, management, arrangement, administration, order, plan, or training.”

**KEY: Stewardship is our obedient witness to God’s sovereignty.**

**KEY Q: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life?**

* **Old Testament REQUIRED Funding For Priests And Temple.**

***7****Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’* ***8****“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask,* ***‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings.******9****You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.****10****Bring 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 there will not be room enough to store it.* Malachi 3:7-10

* **New Testament Stewardship Principle #1: Give REGULARLY.**

*Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.****2****On the first day of every week, each one of you should* ***set aside a sum of money*** *in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.* 1 Cor 16:1-2

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