

Wise and Faithful Stewards Over Resources



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- **Review – Lesson # 1 - “Being Wise and Faithful Stewards” - (1 Cor. 4:1-2).**
- **Stewardship must be a lifestyle.**
- **There are five things we must know and understand.**
 - A. The author of stewardship is God (Stewardship began with God and it will end with God).**
 - B. The attitude of stewardship is gratitude.**
 - C. The authority of stewardship is the Word of God.**
 - D. The adversary of stewardship is Satan.**
 - E. The accountability of stewardship.**

- **Lesson #2 – Wise and Faithful Stewards Over Opportunities – Eph. 5:15-17**
- **What are the opportunities we must steward in this 21st century?**
 - 1. Opportunity to walk in wisdom by looking around and watching every step (v. 15).**
 - 2. Opportunity to evangelize (v. 16).**
 - 3. Opportunity to know the will of God (v. 17).**

- **Lesson #3 – “Wise and Faithful Stewards Over Vision” – Proverbs 29:18**
- **A vision from God requires patience.**
 - **Three things happen while we wait.**
 - A. The vision must mature in us.**
 - B. We must mature in preparation for vision.**
 - C. God is at work behind the scenes preparing the way (The providence of God).**

- **Lesson #4 – Wise and Faithful Stewards of Time – (Psalm 90:12).**
- **How to number our days:**
 - A. We must look to Jesus to examine His life.**
 - B. To rightly number our days is to allot our time wisely, to live in a way that pleases God and accomplish His purposes.**
 - C. To rightly number our days, we must know our responsibility in life.**

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- There are many Christian believers who do not understand the importance of being stewards of the Most High God.
 - Our world is suffering because the church is not being the church.
 - The question is still being asked, “Is there any word from the Lord?”
 - There is great news for the body of Christ!!!
 - Over the past thirty (30) years we have tried to be a prophetic voice in your life.
 - We have been taught how to live a balanced life as stewards.
 - We have been taught the “Nine Spiritual Principles” so that we would thrive and not just survive in life.
 - The resources entrusted to us are to be stewarded wisely and purposefully.
 - All resources, whether monetary or material are the result of God’s favor and blessings, not one’s personal achievements.
 - The God-given monetary and material resources in our life are to be invested in a way that brings the greatest return in spiritual terms.
- Regardless of the amount of money you have, it can be stewarded in a wise and spiritually profitable manner.
 1. Give cheerfully to accomplish God-honoring purposes.
 2. Spend it reasonably to meet personal needs and fulfill personal desires.
 3. Save it strategically in order to extend value and to keep meeting needs in the future.
 - If you love things and have an inordinate desire to have them, it can weigh you down and impede your spiritual progress.
- Three keys for us to learn:
 1. Enjoy things, but don’t cherish them (Col. 3:2).
 2. Share things joyfully, not reluctantly.
 3. Think like a pilgrim, not a settler (Phil. 3:20).

- **In the stewardship of resources, it is important to think biblically.**
 - 1. Remember to use things and love people.**
 - 2. Remember that little things make a big difference (Matt. 14:17).**
 - 3. Remember that you can gain everything but still be a big loser (Luke 9:25).**
 - 4. Remember that you can give all you have yet invest it all as well.**
 - 5. Remember that you will give an account to God.**
 - 6. Remember to be willing to give and be willing to give up.**
 - 7. Remember that the way to multiply your trust is by trusting the Multiplier (Prov. 3:5).**