

Principles of Stewardship

Introduction: The topic of money and stewardship is always an awkward topic in the church. However, you can't study the scriptures and not know that the bible gives clear direction and commands in both areas. However, this is the most frequent area that church Pastors and leaders are often criticized. How many times have we all heard, "all that church wants is my money!". What the church really wants is for us all to submit every area of our lives to the Lordship of Christ and that includes what is often the most important to us, our money!

1. The blessing of work.
 - a. Work was ordained by God for man. Gen. 2:15
 - b. Work is still expected among believers today. Prov. 10:4, 2 Thess. 3:10
 - c. We must keep good work, life, faith balance
2. The principles of money management.
 - a. Learn the secret of contentment. Phil. 4:10-13
 - b. Learn to leave within you means
 - i. Budget
 - ii. Control and get out of debt. Prov. 22:7
 - c. It okay to enjoy your money Ps. 128:1-2, Eccl. 5:18-19
 - d. Plan for the unexpected and the future. Eccl 11:1-2, Prov. 6:6-11
3. Experience the joy of giving!
 - a. All of the decisions we make from above should have giving in mind.
 - b. Make up your mind that you will let nothing take priority over this. Lk. 12:13-21
 - c. Do not get stuck on 10 percent either way. 1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7
 - d. Start somewhere.