

CBC BIBLE STUDY

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STEWARDSHIP OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Stewardship—a biblical worldview can be defined as “UTILIZING and MANAGING all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.”

A. The central theme of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer’s life in a manner that honors God.

B. Stewardship is simply recognizing that everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts.

C. Stewards, biblical stewards, make God’s love visible by imitating Jesus.

“The disintegration of the natural world is our responsibility as God left us the world in the good faith that we would take care of His creation for Him. This concept is called stewardship.”

God has entrusted us to oversee and manage His creation. Taking care of our the environment and the animals were the first tasks God used to teach responsible

stewardship.

JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT STEWARDSHIP!!!

Matthew 17:24-27 NKJV

“When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?” He said, “Yes.” And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?” Peter said to Him, “From strangers.” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.””

Jesus trusted God to provide!

Jesus taught us that stewardship, is not just about Ed material things.

Jesus taught us that stewardship also involves things like our work and our time.

Part of being a good steward is contributing financially toward the causes that are close to the heart of God.

A. Giving to your church

B. Giving to a ministry

C. Other Non-Profits

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP BEGINS WITH OUR GIVING OURSELVES TO GOD.

2Corinthians 8:5 NLT

“Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.”

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IS ANCHORED IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT

EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD!

Psalm 24:1-2 NLT

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.”

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IS A GIFT OF GOD AND FROM GOD—GRACE.

Ephesians 4:7-16 NLT

“However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.” Notice that it says “he ascended.” This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself. Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special

work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IS BEING COMMITTED TO GOD FOR THE GOOD OF
THE ENTIRE BODY.

Romans 12:3-13 NLT

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.”

CONCLUSION

A. GIVE YOURSELF TO GOD

B. REMAIN HUMBLE

C. LOVE GENUINELY

D. KEEP ON PRAYING

LET’S PRAY!!!

