

Believe

Week 9

Do you believe
everything you are
and everything you
own belongs to God?

Exodus 19:5

**“All the earth is
Mine.”**

Deuteronomy 10:14

**“Behold, to the LORD
your God belong heaven
and the highest
heavens, the earth and
all that is in it.”**

Job 41:11

**“Whatever is under the
whole heaven is Mine.”**

Psalm 24:1

**“The earth is the LORD's
, and everything in it,
the world, and all who
live in it.”**



Stewardship



Definition: *"the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care"*

From the Greek word
“oikonomos”

*“the manager of a household
or of household affairs”*

(Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

**It's someone entrusted with
caring for a superior's goods.**

In the Old Testament a steward was over an entire household. He was responsible for managing the householder's material goods.

Genesis 41: 39-40

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,
“Since God has made all this
known to you, there is no one
so discerning and wise as
you. than you.”

You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

**In the New Testament the
word steward also refers to a
guardian or curator**

Matthew 20: 8

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

Galatians 4: 2

The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

**This is in addition to its Old
Testament meaning as a
manager or superintendent of
a household**

Luke 8: 3

Joanna the wife of Chuza,
the manager of Herod's
household; Susanna; and
many others. These women
were helping to support them
out of their own means.

1 Corinthians 4: 1-2

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove

What are we called to be stewards of?

- Our talents
- Our time
- God's creation
- Our bodies
- Our money
- Our Children
- God's Word

How can we be good stewards of our talents?

- Matthew 25: 14-30
- 1 Peter 4: 10

What have you done with the talents God has blessed you with?

How can we be good stewards of our time?

- Ephesians 5: 15-17
- Colossians 4: 5-6

What have you done with the time God has blessed you with?

How can we be good stewards of God's Creation?

- Genesis 2: 15
- Genesis 1: 28

Being a good steward is not worshiping God's Creation

- Romans 1: 25

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Mother Nature



**How can we be good
stewards of our bodies?**

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

Therefore honor God with

**If you buy something, do
you own it?**

**What was the price God
paid for us?**

**Did Christ just purchase
Christians? How about
atheists and muslims?**

2 Peter 2: 1

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord...

**Are those who deny Christ
Christians?**

**Listen to the rest of the
verse:**

**They will secretly introduce
destructive heresies, even
denying the sovereign Lord
who bought them—bringing
swift destruction on
themselves.**

How can we be good stewards of our money?

- 2 Thessalonians 3: 10
- 1 Timothy 5: 8

God does provide for us but we need to work to provide for ourselves and our family.

We also need to be good stewards of our spending.

America's spending has been described like this:

*“Americans are people
spending money they
don't have on things they
don't need to impress
people they do not like.”*

Credit cards have made
it easy for us to spend
what we do not have ---
and many pay a heavy
price for going too far
into debt

We need to be careful
how much we borrow

Proverbs 22: 7

Philippians 4: 10-13

SOMEONE ELSE
IS HAPPY WITH
LESS THAN
WHAT YOU HAVE

We also need to be good
stewards of our giving.

A very important part of
Christian living and
service to God is
GIVING!

Scriptural giving allows
for the work of the
church to be carried out
such as
evangelism, edification
and benevolence.

1 Corinthians 16: 1-2

Hebrews 7: 1-4

2 Corinthians 8: 7

Giving financially should be
our first concern with all we
earn.

God deserves the first fruits
of ones money earned – not
what is left over when other
obligations are met.

Matthew 6: 33

Does your spending
demonstrate who you are
seeking first?

We must adjust our living to
our giving

How can we be good stewards of our children?

- Psalm 127: 3
- Ephesians 6: 4
- Deuteronomy 11: 18-21

What if our children make poor decisions as adults?

How can we be good stewards of God's Word?

- Jude 1: 3
- Titus 1: 9
- Philippians 1: 16
- 2 Timothy 2: 15

Can you be a good steward of God's Word if you don't read it?

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everything you are
and everything you
own belongs to God?



Give
Thanks

How does knowing we
are just managers of
what we have been
given change the way
you live?