

## **104.30. STEWARDSHIP OF ALL THATS GODS.**

Biblical stewardship is a concept deeply rooted in recognizing that everything we have ultimately belongs to God. As stewards or caretakers of these resources, it is our responsibility to use them wisely & in accordance with God's will. Let's explore this further.

**Time:** We must learn to invest our time wisely, as it will end one day. Psalm 90:12 reminds us to number our days & seek wisdom in how we spend our time. Carpe diem=seize the day, as we should manage our time with purpose, aligning it with God's priorities.

**Talent:** As children of God, we are equipped by His Spirit to serve in many different ways. Each of us has spiritual gifts & are called to use them. Being a faithful steward involves putting our skills to work for His glory & meeting the needs of others.

**Finances:** Giving money to others can be hard, but the Bible emphasizes financial stewardship. By acknowledging God's ownership, of even all the money & giving back a portion of what we've received, we act as stewards for Him to supply others' needs. Our generosity delights Him & is an awesome act of worship.

Remember, biblical stewardship goes beyond managing resources, it's about having a heart of service & using our time, talents, gifts & money to honor God & bless others.

**GODS GOOD STEWARDS, GIVE LIKE IT'S GOD'S**

God owns everything, the earth & all its fullness, the world & those who dwell in it, everything born, grown, bought, sold, built, created; everything is His, for He has founded it & established it, Psalms 24:1-2. God created everything & gives life to all, Gen 1:1. So, like it or not, believe it or not, accept it or not, He is the rightful legal owner of everything, including our lives, for without Him, we would be nothing, have nothing & would have never been.

There have been many times in life, due to bad choices, that I felt that I had nothing worth living for, but even at my worst moments, I still had the breath of God in me & His hope in front of me, which is all that is needed to start realizing that everything is His & that He wants to share it with us, through life & love; if we will just call on & trust in His Name & submit to His will for our lives. We may not always have wine & roses, but we will always have the spirit & love of God & eternal life.

With this Knowledge comes stewardship, which is not easy & is not supposed to be, as it is to be developed over time, or it would not be worth the treasures that it brings. Good stewardship will not only change our lives & relationship with God but will change our entire perspective & attitude about life, ourselves & others. This can bring treasures & joys that you may have never imagined, as it is a crucifying of the old self, the old ways, the old thinking & a complete renewing of one's mind, with the mind of Christ, which leads into all that God had planned for our lives, before we tried it our way.

So now it's time to try it God's way, through learning to be good stewards of our relationships, with all people, as well as with all that God affords

& allows us to have, to enjoy & to use, in our lives, for our purpose & pleasure & for His purpose & glory.

One night I was in church & God in a loving manner, laid some things on my heart, that I didn't want to hear, but needed to. You see there are no accidents, there are things that happen, because of the way other things are done, either right, or wrong, cause & effect, or quick over cautious & so many times if I had taken an extra second of caution, many of the mishaps, in my life, may not have happened & this is where God taught me about stewardship, as everything belongs to God & is gifted to us, to use; just like the friendships that He puts us into, some for a moment, some for a lifetime & we should treat all things, as gifts from God, as that is exactly what they are.

So, looking back, I can see that living with a lax attitude, my haphazardness has destroyed many gifts that God had put in my care, including the most important being relationships, as well as other earthly gifts, testing my stewardship on small things, showing that I had not been very careful, or grateful & even though He would not hold it against me, the more we talked about it, the more I got to see that I never really had been a good steward & He was able to show me places where I was very lax, not bad; He never said that, in fact He said that, there have been many places that I did good things for people, just not always in the way that a good trusted steward of God should do, which includes; talk to Him, be still & listen, then do it His way, not how I think is best.

A good steward is a servant, of God & people; one who is mindful & accountable, for the proper God given love & care of others. So, if you

want to be blessed, be a blessing & if you want to be happy, make others happy, as Biblical stewardship means being a caretaker of God's kingdom, as we each have received spiritual gifts & should use them in serving others, as good Stewards, of the Graces of God, 1 Peter 4:10-11.

If anyone speaks, let it be as if it were words from God Himself. If anyone serves, let it be with the strength of God, that in all things God may be glorified, through Christ, to whom belongs the praise forever, 1 Peter 4:11.

As believers our actions/stewardship reap's eternal consequences. The way we live & what we say should honor God, as being a steward of Grace, means properly using the gifts that God has given us, to perform acts of kindness, towards others, as it's not what goes into the man, that ruins a man, but what comes out; like words, lust, pride, hatred, jealousy & all those things that lead to evil things, Matthew 15:11.

So make the decision to be a good steward of & for God & then do it, with all the love that He is willing to fill you with, knowing that we are called to be good stewards towards others; as every man has received the gift; so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God 1Peter 4:10, as if we cannot even be good stewards, of our own small things, that God entrusts to us, than how can we be trusted to be good stewards of those seeking to find their God given gifts, hopes, dreams & spiritual blessings.