

"stewardship"
Series: First Steps

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1. Introduction

- a. Great salvation
- b. Growing in Christ (Bible & fellowship)
- c. Spiritual Battle
- d. Stewardship (giving & serving)
 - tithing = 10% of income given to God's work
 - principle in lives before the law given by Moses
 - * Abraham gave tithe to King of Salem (Melchizedek)
 - * Gen 14:18-20; Heb 7:1-3
 - steward: person (manager) in charge of other person's property
 - * manager, agent
 - * fiduciary responsibility
 - free will offering = additional voluntary sacrifice (thanksgiving)
 - * Heb 13:15-16 sacrifices of praise & good works

2. Purpose of Stewardship

- a. First principle?
 - God owns everything (Ps 24:1)
 - * cattle on a thousand hills (Ps 50:10)
 - God gave humans job to take care (Gen 2:15)
 - * gardener: takes care of garden
 - * parable of vineyard keepers (Mk 12:1)
- b. Pleasing God
 - Heb 11:6 without faith impossible to please God

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2c. Gratitude

- thankful people
- * opposite of conceit (Gal 5:25-26)

d. God's plan of wealth

- Deut 8:18
- * remember Lord your God
- * God gives the power (ability) to get wealth
- Deut 8:17 saying inside yourself
- * "My power & strength of my hand has gained me this wealth"
- * Rom 1:21 humans were not thankful

3. God's Will

a. Will of the Lord

- Eph 5:17-21
- * speaking & singing
- * giving thanks for all things to God
- * be filled with Holy Spirit

b. Robbing God?

- Malachi 3:8-12
- * in tithes & offerings
- * God wants to send blessings of food, rain, crops, ~~diseases, crop~~ pestilences

3. Giving (2 Cor 8:1-2)

a. Giving

- Macedonians gave out of deep poverty

b. Cheerful giving

- 2 Cor 9:7 give as you purpose in your heart
- 1 Cor 16:1 Give on the first day of the week (Sundays)

c. Giving

- first to the Lord (2 Cor 8:5)
- 2nd a willing heart (2 Cor 8:12)
- * gift accepted according to what is in your hand.
- * not gift according to your lack
- * principle of equality (2 Cor 8:13-14)