



New Sermon Series - Stewardship

**Meaning, Theology and Mandate
Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15 and Ps. 8**



Introduction

Christian stewardship concerns our responsibility to live wholly for God, managing our resources to give Him glory and benefit humanity. Stewardship touches every area of life and involves both individual and corporate commitments. It encompasses for more than giving to the Church

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Stewardship includes the use and care of our natural resources; it include what we do with our abilities and talents; it includes what we do with our abilities and talents; it involves the way we manage our time. Biblical stewardship includes the management of all God's gift to humanity.

Objectives

We will:

- **Understand the biblical view of stewardship.**
- **Apply the principles of stewardship in our personal, family, church and work life.**
- **Become responsible managers of God's resources entrusted to us.**

Introduction

Discuss practical ways to become good steward of money, time, talents, tongue, body and testimony in our homes.

Meaning of Stewardship

Dictionary defines stewardship “ The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.”

The New Testament Greek word translated as stewardship is a oikonomia, a combination of two words: oikos, “house,” and nemein, “ to divide, distribute, or “apportion.”

Meaning of Stewardship

In classical Greek, the oikonomos (steward) is found twenty times in the New Testament, was responsible for the business affairs of a household. Often oikonomos referred to a slave with the oversight of the master's money, property, goods and other slaves. Leadership Handbook page 407

Meaning of Stewardship

Jesus used this term two times in the gospel of Luke chapter 12:42-48 and 16:1-13. But, this concept of stewardship is found through out the Old and New Testament.

Biblical theology of stewardship

- **God is the owner of everything and everyone belongs to him. Ps. 24:1-2;50:9-12; Hag. 2:8 and 1Ch. 29:10-13**
- **God gives all the resources to the human beings. Dt. 8:17-18 and 1Ch. 29:10-14**
- **We are only stewards of God's resources. Ge.1:26-28; Mt. 24:45 and Mt. 25:14-30**

Biblical theology of stewardship

- **God expect us to be wise stewards and render a good account to Him. Lk. 16:1-2,8-9 and Mt. 25:19**
- **If we are faithful in little we will be entrusted with more. Lk. 16:10-12**
- **We need to use all resources for God's glory and build the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 10:31**

Biblical mandate of stewardship

- **It is God's will that we should manage his creation.
Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15 and Psalm 8**
- **God commanded Adam to be the care taker of the garden. We are also God's care taker.**

Conclusion

Meaning of stewardship is to manage God given resources for his glory and benefit of others. God is the owner of everything and every person. He has entrusted us money, time, talents, testimony, body, work and many other gifts. We need to be faithful and accountable to him in everything.