

Series: Stewardship

Title: God's Ownership and Man's Stewardship.

Text: (I Cor 4:2)

I. God is Generous:

A. God has already "proven" his generosity to us:

1. By giving us Christ: (John 3:16)
2. By giving us Eternal Life: (Rom 6:23)(Eph 2:8-9)
3. By giving us the Holy Spirit: (John 15:26)
4. By Giving us His Love: (Romans 5:5)

B. We cannot imagine the extent of His Generosity:

(Matt 7:11) (Rom 8:31-32) (Eph 3:20)

C. You can't "out-give" God: (Luke 6:38)

II. God's Universal Ownership -

- A. He Owns the World: (Psa. 24:1)
- B. He owns every Soul: (Ezek. 18:4)
- C. He owns every gift we receive: (James 1:17)
- D. He owns the World's Wealth: (Haggai 2:8)
- E. What can you possibly offer Him: (1 Chron. 29:14)
- F. He already owns it all.

The Basis of God's Ownership -

- A. Creation - (Gen. 1:1)(Col. 1:16-18)
- B. Redemption - (I Cor. 6:20)

III. Man Is God's Steward - (I Peter 4:10)

- A. We are managers of God's Property:
(Deut 8:18)(Eccl 5:19)(Matt 25:14-30)
- B. We are "entrusted" to use it for God's Benefit:

(Prov 10:22) (Matt 25:14-15)

(1) Good Stewards are Faithful: (Lk 12:35-38)

- (a) Faithful (I Cor. 4:2)
- (b) Wise b/c they were Faithful: (Luke 12:42a-43)
- (c) Blessed/Happy b/c they were Faithful: (Lk 12:43)
- (d) Responsible b/c they were Faithful: (Lk 12:42-43)

(2) Bad Stewards are Unfaithful:

- (a) Unfaithful: (Luke 12:45)
- (b) Unfaithful b/c Selfish & Cruel - (Luke 12:45b)
- (c) Unfaithful b/c Intemperate: (Luke 12:45c)
- (d) Unfaithful b/c Unprepared & Lost- (Luke 12:46-47)

(3) All Stewards must give an account: (Luke 12:48)

(Romans 14:12)
(Luke 16:2)
(Lk 19:12-26)

(4) Of What are we accountable?

- (a) Words: (Matt 12:36)
- (b) Time: (Matt. 6:33) (Eph. 5:16)
- (c) Talents: (Matt. 25:16-19)
- (d) Treasures: (Luke 19:15)
- (e) Testimony: (Matt 5:15-16)