

STEWARDSHIP GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

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"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1 NIV

Objective: To recognize that God is the ultimate owner of all things which is fundamental to Spirit led stewardship.

Introduction

In Scripture, **stewardship** is more than management; **it is a sacred trust**. Everything we possess has been given to us from God, see **Psalm 24:1 NIV**, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it", and He calls us to handle it with wisdom, obedience, and purpose. **1 Corinthians 4:2** says, "it is required of stewards that one be found faithful." **If everything we have truly belongs to God, then we're not owners—we're caretakers**. God calls us to be faithful stewards of all He's entrusted to us. The Bible reminds us that stewardship touches every part of life - spiritual, relational, physical, and material, and it reflects how deeply we're committed and devoted to Him.

Lesson: The Concept of Stewardship

Stewardship in the Bible encompasses not only the management of financial resources but also care for the environment, our relationships, and the talents and gifts we possess. It is a call to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God, and we are to use these gifts for His glory and the benefit of others.

True stewardship is rooted in gratitude for salvation and guided by the Holy Spirit. When we as believers cultivate responsible care over what has been entrusted to us, our gifts, calling, health, relationships, and resources, they reflect the nature of the One who entrusted it to us. **Each act of faithful stewardship becomes an act of worship that glorifies God and edifies His people and advances His Kingdom purposes.**

By reflecting on the following scriptures, we can better understand our role as stewards and strive to fulfill our responsibilities with faithfulness and integrity. The Bible emphasizes stewardship as a responsibility to manage God's resources wisely. Let's look at some key scriptures highlighting our role as caretakers of creation and our gifts.

Key Scriptures on Stewardship

Take time to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and invite the Holy Spirit to be present during the discussion. Share how these biblical principles should be practiced in our lives as an act of worship to God.

Genesis 1:28 NKJV: "And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...'" This scripture highlights humanity's role in caring for the earth and its creatures, establishing the foundation for stewardship. David emphasizes that human ability and desire to nurture and give is not independent, but a response to God's blessings and ownership of all things.

1 Chronicles 29:14 NKJV: "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You". This verse teaches that all giving is ultimately a response to God's provision, highlighting humility, gratitude, and the recognition of God's sovereignty over all resources.

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1 Peter 4:10 NIV: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." This verse emphasizes the importance of using our gifts to serve others, reflecting God's grace in our lives.

Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV - "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing," Tithing is a foundational principle in the Bible that emphasizes the importance of giving back to God a portion of what He has provided. By practicing tithing, believers acknowledge God's authority over their lives and finances, fostering a deeper relationship with Him.

Colossians 3:23 NKJV: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." This verse encourages us to approach our responsibilities with diligence and dedication, recognizing that our work is ultimately for God.

Matthew 25:14-30 (read) The Parable of the Talents illustrates the importance of using and multiplying the resources entrusted to us by God. It teaches that we are accountable for how we manage what we have been given. Fear and Inaction: The servant who hid his talent acted out of fear and laziness, resulting in rebuke and loss. This illustrates that neglecting God's gifts or failing to act faithfully has spiritual consequences.

Conclusion: Philippians 3:8 states, "I consider all things as loss because of the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have lost all things". The surpassing worth of knowing Christ is central to the Christian faith, inviting believers to embrace a relationship with Jesus that transforms their lives and redefines their understanding of true value and purpose of all we are given. For believers, the surpassing worth of knowing Christ calls for a reorientation of life priorities and how we honor the generosity of our God. Through our relationship with Jesus Christ, we are called to experience the fullness of life that comes from knowing and being known by Him.

Remember in Prayer:

- Bishop Grannum, Founder; Pastor Bob Oliver & Lady Denise; Pastor Wangui Mwangi; Pastor Omar Barlow & wife Jeneen; Pastor Andrew Grannum & wife Chevas and their families.
- NCC Heads of Ministries; Ministers; Deacons; Ministry Leaders
- NCC staff and volunteers
- NCC Capital Campaign for renovations of the property
- Sick & shut-in; Those who are grieving the passing of a loved one
- Our children, youth and young adults for growth in their personal faith in Jesus Christ
- That we as a church, pray without ceasing for unity in hearing and doing the will of God

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