

Christian Stewardship

How to manage our resources according to God's plan
Session 10

Review: _____ that we have belongs to God.

- *The heavens, indeed the highest heavens, belong to the LORD your God, as does the earth and _____ in it. (Deuteronomy 10:14)*

God is the _____ Provider; we are His _____.

- *Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Luke 14:25-33*
- *Matthew 24:42 – 25:46*

The good and faithful servant avoids the _____ of debt and lives by a _____ to build a prosperous household.

- *Deuteronomy 15:6; 28:12, 43-45; Proverbs 22:5; 24:3-4; Romans 13:8; 1 Corinthians 7:23*
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So, we avoid debt and live disciplined according to our monthly budget to become prosperous, right?

Laboring like this, it is necessary to help the weak and to keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, for He said, "It is more blessed to _____ than to _____. (Acts 20:35)

"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me." Then the righteous will answer Him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink?... And the King will answer them, "I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for _____. (Matthew 25:35-37, 40)

Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be _____ or set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to _____. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be _____, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the age to come, so that they may take hold of life that is real. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Therefore, a good and faithful servant demonstrates _____.
But, how do we define that?

True generosity is not shown by _____.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faith. (Matthew 23:23)

True generosity is not based on an _____.

And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor... but do not have love, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

True generosity is shown in _____.

So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. I assure you: They've got their reward! But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in _____ will reward you. (Matthew 6:2-4)

True generosity is shown through the _____ with which one gives.

Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a _____ giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

How do we change from giving out of obligation, grudgingly, and minimally, to giving out of _____, _____, and _____?

*We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God granted to the churches of Macedonia: during a severe testing by affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty _____ into the wealth of their generosity. I testify that, on their own, according to their ability and beyond their ability, they begged us insistently for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves especially to the Lord, then to us by God's will.
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)*

- Generosity is evidence of God's _____ in those who have given _____ to the Lord first.

Now the One who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness, as you are enriched in every way for all _____, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

- We give generously because we have known the generosity of the _____.

But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your _____ will be also. (Matthew 6:20-21)

- We have committed to _____ where real treasures are.

One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor. A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water. (Proverbs 11:24-25)

- We understand God's _____.

To summarize, generosity gives evidence of God's generous love as the good and faithful steward gives abundantly and generously like his Lord, to _____ others in love.

But, how, how much, and to whom do we give generously?