

WHAT IS A STEWARDSHIP?

"Stewardship is managing God's blessings God's ways for God's glory." – DAVE RAMSEY

GOD'S FIRST COMMAND

"Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."* – GEN. 1:2, NLT

"Reign over" = "have dominion" (NKJV, RSV), "rule" (NIV, NASB)

God commands us to be _____ (managers) over everything He blesses us with:

- Time • Talents • Treasures • Relationships • Jobs
- _____

THE PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

1. The Principle of _____

"Look, the highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the Lord your God." – DEUT. 10:14, NLT

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." – PSA. 24:1, NLT

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

- All we think we _____, actually _____ to God
- We are simply _____ or _____ acting on His behalf

2. The Principle of _____

"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip." – MAT. 25:14-15, NLT

• God has _____ us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything He owns

• We are _____ to manage his holdings well and according to His desires and purposes

3. The Principle of _____

- God will not _____ us to do anything with what we've been given
- God wants us to _____ everything He has blessed us with for His Kingdom, His glory, and His purpose

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away."
– MAT. 25:29

4. The Principle of _____

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ." – COL. 3:23-24

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"
– MAT. 25:21

- Stewardship is living a life that _____

CHOOSING TO BE A GOOD STEWARD IS A MATTER OF

_____ AND _____

"The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart."

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" – MAL. 3:10, NLT