

God Expects You to Be a Steward

Introduction:

1. Where did Wall Street go wrong?
2. Where did Main Street go wrong?
3. What were the false attitudes here?
4. So - if God has spoken, what is the biblical plan for stewardship?

I Corinthians 4:1-2

I. What's a Steward?

- A. Definition: a steward is a M_____ - Genesis 39:1-6.
- B. F_____ is essential of a good steward.
 1. Always be ready to S_____ - Luke 12:35-36.
 2. You must P_____ yourself faithful - I Corinthians 4:1-2.
 3. You are to use your S_____ gifts - I Peter 4:10.

II. Why Does God Expect You to Be a Steward?

- A. God owns everything.
 1. He owns the W_____ - Psalm 24:1-2.
 2. He owns Y_____ - Ezekiel 18:4.
 3. He owns everything you P_____ - I Chronicles 29:14.
- B. God holds each of you A_____.

1. For your very W_____ - Matthew 12:36.
2. God calls a F_____ those who focus all their efforts into accumulating possessions for themselves - Luke 12:16-20.
3. God calls W_____ the person who doesn't use his gifts for the Lord - Matthew 25:14-30.

III. What Does a Good Steward Do?

- A. You D_____ everything to the Lord.
 1. What are you acknowledging when you do that?
 2. What does "walking in the Spirit" mean?
- B. Use wisdom in your S_____.
 1. Get a R_____ on your money.
 2. Remain D_____ free! - Romans 13:8
- C. Steps to achieving biblical stewardship.
 1. Step One: _____.
 2. Step Two: _____.
 3. What do you do with the leftover money? (Thomason opinion!)
 - a. Put 1/2 into S_____.
 - b. Put 1/2 _____ - Malachi 3:8-10.
 - c. Thank God for His abundant blessings!

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