



Topic Stewardship

Introduction

As I bring this whole weekends' session to a close in this message. I want to bring everything together into one final message where I will summarise everything I taught on Stewardship in the past seven sessions.

Unfortunately there are many scripture which I will refer to but I cannot not read them all because of time, so if you are taking notes, please go and read these scriptures in your own Bible and check what I am saying is true.

If you have been by all the sessions I will be giving you more scriptures to go a read and research on the various topic I spoke on.

What is Stewardship?

So the first question we need to ask is, what is stewardship? Stewardship is the ability to manage things that were given to you to take care of and for someone else and for which if you manage it properly you will receive a rewards.

When most of us think of stewardship, we think of money, finances and possessions. Now that is true that this is part of stewardship but In the past few sessions I have also shown you that Stewardship is much more than just our money, it is more than what we possess or have, it is more than finances, it has to do with everything that God has entrusted to us through everything that Jesus Christ has done for all of us.

True biblical stewardship has to do with everything Jesus Christ purchased for you, through His death and resurrection on the cross and His ascension into heaven and all that God has entrusted into your care to manage. I specifically taught on

- The basics of stewardship as we know stewardship – particularly to do with money and possessions. I taught you the concept that God owns everything and He gives you the ability to make wealth.

He gives you the health, ability, oxygen, knowledge, gifts etc. to gain wealth and riches – this wealth is His and He is giving you 100% and He wants you to tithe a full 10% of all you earn as He explains in **Malachi 3:6-12**.

I explained that this was the greatest deal of all time, you get to keep 90% of the 100% He owns and gave to you. And with that 90% of your income you will be able to do more than you ever could do with the full 100%.



So I challenge you to start putting God's Word to the test and trusting Him with your finances. This is not a thing you try for a month or two, but you try for a period and then you will see you cannot afford not to tithe.

If you do not you are under a curse and God calls you a thief! Malachi 3:8-10 which says ***"⁸ Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, "How are we robbing you?" In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse – your whole nation – because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."***

So it is not me saying you are a thief and under a curse but God Himself!

- The second concept of stewardship I taught about was God is our source.

I explain that we need to change the way we view God and our finances, if God is our source then we need to look differently about how we are stewards of the money God has given us.

I used **Philippians 4:19**, which say ***"And my God will supply all my need according to His riches in Glory through Christ Jesus."***

So if we are faithful steward and realise that God is our source, He has committed to supply all our needs for His bank account!

- The third session I taught that the Law has power on us and we are under a curse because when we do not do what the Law says we are under a curse according to **Deuteronomy 27:26** ***"²⁶ Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out.'** Then all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"* and **Galatians 3:10** ***"¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.'"***, and that curse is death – **1 Corinthians 15:56-57** ***"⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."***

When we disobey the Law we sin, remember I said that sin means to miss the mark. What mark, the perfect life God wants us to live. So that is why we are sinners, because we disobey the Law of God daily.



Secondly according to **Malachi 3:9**, we are under a curse if we do not tithe and give back God His 10%.

The good news in **Galatians 3:13** ¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.'* ¹⁴ *He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*” – is that, Jesus Christ became the curse on the cross of Calvary so that all who believe in Him and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour as set free from the curse of the Law – which is death and the power or sting of death is our sin – **1 Corinthians 15:56**.

- In the fourth, fifth and sixth sessions, I started telling you what Jesus Christ did for all of us on the cross of Calvary. These were not everything He did but just some highlights.
 - Forgiveness – when Jesus Christ went to the cross and died, He paid the full price for our forgiveness – **Luke 24:46-48/Acts 13:38 / Acts 26:18 / Ephesians 1:7 / Colossians 1:14 / 1 John 1:9**
 - Mercy – when Jesus Christ died on the cross He gave us MERCY – what we do not deserve. We deserve eternal death according to **Romans 6:23**, but He gave us eternal life. What we did not deserve.
 - Justification – when Jesus Christ died on the cross He Justified us, made us just as if we have never sinned. **Romans 3:23-25 / Romans 5:1&9/ Romans 8:30 / Romans 10:10**
 - Sanctification - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He made us sanctified or another word is Holy – which means He set us apart for a specific plan and purpose. **John 17:19 / Acts 20:32 / 1 Corinthians 6:11 / 1 Thessalonians 4:2-4**
 - Righteousness - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He paid the price for our righteousness or right standing before God. So that we now have the privilege to go into the very presence of God! **Romans Chapters 3-6 & 9-10 / 1 Corinthians 1:29-31**
 - Reconciliation - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He reconciled us to God, were we God’s enemies because of our sin but now we have become the friend of God – **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**
 - Ambassadorship - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He made us ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. An ambassador speaks on behalf of a country and we are empowered to speak on behalf of the King of all kings. So we need to live and act like we are the representatives of God on the earth. **2 Corinthians 5:20**
 - Adoption - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He paid the price for our



adoption of son and daughters of God - **Romans 8:14-16**. And because we have been adopted we are also joint heirs with Christ of the Kingdom of God. **Romans 8:17 / Galatians 3:29 / Ephesians 3:6**

- Healing - when Jesus Christ died on the cross He paid for our healing past, present and future. According to **Isaiah 53:4-5**, "By His stripe we are healed – future tense, in **1 Peter 1:24**, "By His strips we were healed" – past tense.

Jesus Christ received 39 lashes and scientists have discovered that ALL sicknesses, disease and ailments fall into one of 39 categories – so Jesus Christ paid the price for all our sicknesses!

- Lastly you looked at the cost of not being a good steward. We looked at the story of the three stewards that were given bags of Gold to look after for their master according to their ability. Please note they were not given more than they could handle.

This passage found in **Matthews 25:14-30**.

In this passage we clearly see that the one steward was considers very faithful by his master and he entrusted to him a lot of money, 10 bags of Gold. And this steward was very faithful in his management of his master's money and doubled his masters money receive a commendation and also a reward.

The second steward also was faithful to his master money and was able to double his master's money. Note both these stewards were able to double their master's money because they had faith in the master and loved him enough to put his possession in front of theirs! This steward was also commended for doubling what this master had entrusted to him.

But then there was the third steward, he was afraid of his master and in his fear he went and hid his master's money. Are you hiding the things that god has entrusted to you today?

When the master came back all he got from that servant was what he gave his and that stewards was angry with him and called him wicked and lazy and he was cast into a very bad place.

You definitely do not want to be the lazy steward in God's Kingdom because the explanation of the place he was sent is Hell.

So you have a choice to be a lazy steward and receive no reward and be cast into hell or you can be a good steward and receive a reward and live with God



you master for ever in heaven – the choice is yours

You will stand before God and give an account of your life!

I want to remind you that one day you will die and then you will stand before God and your works will be judge. **Romans 14:10** says *"¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat."*

It says the same thing in **1 Corinthians 5:10**, as well. So when we die, we will appear before God and give a full account of our lives. What we have said about others, God and our selves, what we did and did not do, how we managed the gifts that God entrusted to us as stewards of what Jesus Christ purchased for us at Calvary.

I we will be rewarded for the good we did and we will be punished for the wrong.

For a person who became a Christian, those who are born again and have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour according to **Romans 10:9**, those who were good faithful stewards of what Jesus Christ did for them and entrusted to them, they will be rewarded for the good things they did which is what **1 Corinthians 5:9-11** *"⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience."*

But for those who did not become Christians, those who did not use the gifts and talents that God gave them and were therefore not Good stewards, they will receive loss and be sent to hell. **Revelation 20:11-15** talks about this judgement, *"¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire."*



The Lambs book of life

There are many books in heaven that record everything you have ever done or said. All you good and bad deeds, all the events and things that make up your life, even your thoughts and attitudes as you did things for God.

One very important book in particular is mentioned by name and it is called the "Lambs book of Life". In this book is recorded the names of every person that has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

So when you die, you will appear before God and the first thing that will be done is your name will be search for in the Lambs book of Life, if you name is written in this book you will go to heaven and spend eternity with God. Then your works on earth will be judge on how faith you were – what a good steward you were on earth of what God entrusted to you. If you were a good steward you will receive rewards and crowns but if you were not you will receive nothing and for all eternity all the people in heaven will see how faithful you were to God and His calling and your stewardship of your life in Christ!

If your name is not found in the Lambs book of Life, you will go to hell and be forever separated from God for ever. This is called the first death.

Then at the end of this age, your will be resurrected/ taken out of hell for your trail in the Great White throne judgement. No born again person will be judged there because Jesus Christ paid for all your sins.

There people here are never going to heaven, they are being judged and condemned to an eternal fire for eternity so you have not hope. Once you are judged you are thrown into the lake of fire to burn for ever.

Conclusion

So at the close of this crusade, at this Sunday service, my question to you is, Where are you going to spend eternity and will it be heaven? Is your name written in the Lambs book of Life right now? Are you ready right now to face God and be judge and will He find you worthy of Heaven? If you go to church and believe in God, are you sure you are saved and going to heaven?

If you answered no to any of these questions, you can make sure right now. If you will come to God and ask Jesus Christ to be your Lord and your Saviour and you really mean it, then the angels in Heaven will immediately write your names in the Lambs book of Life!

Who would like to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour today?