



Topic Stewardship – God is our source

Introduction

When I was in Malawi in May 2015 at Kalumphira, I showed you that we all have been made stewards in what God has entrusted to us, and we are going to give an account before God of the way we were stewards of what God has given us. Romans 14:12, which says we will all give an account to God.

God is our source for everything

You see in order to be a faithful or a good steward of what God has entrusted to you and I, is to have this mind set: everything I have, everything I am is God's!

Just think about that? In order to be a good steward in God's eyes is that everything, your money, your wife, your children, your family, your friends, your possessions – every single thing you have is God's! God is the source of everything you have RIGHT NOW!

Now you are saying but Pastor Martin, how can, God own everything because I work every day for the money I have and my salary is a reward for the work that I do!

That is true but you are looking at it the wrong way. God has given you your job, God has given you your life, He has given you the strength, skill, wisdom and ability to work and earn a living. You see everything you are, comes from the grace and favour of God.

Without God you would have nothing! You would be able to do nothing! Do you agree?

So the starting point to stewardship is to recognise and acknowledge that God is the source of everything – including everything you have or will ever have!

Tell your neighbour – God is the source of everything I have! All my possessions, all my money, my spouse, my children, my job – everything belongs to God and I acknowledge this fact today! God is my source and God owns everything!



We are God's Stewards

So the next concept we need to understand is? If God is the source for everything and God owns everything then:

- I am either a thief because I have things that do not belong to me.
- Or I am a steward because I am looking after things that do not belong to me.

Which one are you?

You see, you need to settle this thing today! Ask yourself this question

- What kind of Steward are you with the things God has entrusted to you?
- Are you stealing the things that God has entrusted to you?
- Are you spending His money and wasting His money on things He never wanted you to have.
- Are you stealing the tithe, the money that belongs to God and spending it?

If you are not a faithful steward how do you expect God to bless you?

How can or do you expect God to bless you?

Proverbs 3:9-10 says *"Honour the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase: So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."*

My question today is:

- Are you barns overflowing – do you have an overflow of money in the bank?
Do you have lots of produce to sell
- Do you have more than enough? Do you have plenty of everything?
- Are you vat overflowing, not with wine but with the joy of the Lord and everything you need?
- In other words is there anything, any area in your life that is lacking something?
 - You do not have enough money,
 - you do not have healing,
 - do you not have friends,
 - Are you unhappy with your life or wife?

If you answered yes to any areas, then you are not in the will of God because you have NOT been a good stewards, because my Bible says in **Philippians 4:19**, *"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*



Are your needs abundantly supplied?

Can you imagine, right now, that God has supplied all your needs right now?

- That there was not lack in your life.
- That you have everything you ever needed.
- That you have no concern about money, your health, your safety etc.

Would that not be really, really great?

Well it is possible but only if you become a good, faithful steward of what God has given you!

You see if you want God to supply all you, then you need to:

- Stop doing things your way
- Stop living a life that is apart from God
- Stop being a bad steward of what God has already given you
- Start to make the Word of God have first place in your life.
- Stop stealing the things of God

You see unless God is Lord of all, He is Lord of nothing. In other words, unless you give God EVERYTHING and give Him FULL control of everything and make Him Lord not only of your life but also Lord of everything including your finances.

Unless you make Him Lord of everything, then He really is Lord of nothing because you have a rebellious and arrogant spirit.

You are rebelling and being arrogant against God and the Word of God says that in **1 Samuel 15:33** *"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."*

So which are you? A Good steward who will receive a just reward for the work you did in the Name of the King.

Or will you rebel and be arrogant to the Word of God and be judged as:

- A thief – According to Malachi 3:7, God calls you a thief because you steal His tithe.
- A liar – According to 1 John 2:4, God says "Whoever says, 'I know Him' (I know Jesus) but does not do what He (Jesus / God), commands is a liar and the truth is not in that person"



- An idolater – I do not worship Idols pastor Martin – yes you do it is called the idol of Mammon or money and according to Matthew 6:24 – you either serve God or Mammon / money.
- You are a Rebel and into witchcraft – 1 Samuel 15:33 says that Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft!

Conclusion

Now I ask you, do you think that is you a rebellious to God, He will allow you into heaven? I am sorry to say this but you will not be going to heaven.

Matthew 25:41 says, *“Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”*

Hell was NEVER made for mankind. Mankind goes to hell by choice and because they reject God’s plan for mankind’s Salvation – which is Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ came to die for your sins personally will you please accept Him and the price He paid for your sins?

Prayer:

- Firstly there are people here who need to make a decision – Heaven or Hell, Jesus Christ or the world, God or Mammon, God child or a rebel against God.

You need to choose, will you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? Will you lay your life down and receive Him. If that is you I want you to stand so that I can pray for you. Stand right now where you are!

- Secondly there are people here who although you serve God and you love Jesus Christ – you have not been a good steward of the things God has entrusted to you. You want to say today:
 - God you my source.
 - God I give you my life today.
 - God I give you everything holding nothing back.
 - God I want to stop rebelling and start doing the things you called me to do.

