

Equipping People to Know Jesus and Follow Him

Stewardship

Background – God owns everything, so we should be willing to give back our possessions and gifts.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – Psalm 24:1

Take Away – We are stewards of things, not owners. Giving yields the fruit of thanksgiving and freedom.

- 1) Pray – that God would speak to our hearts and give us a desire to give.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
 - I. Why should we give our finances and talents (gifts) to God?
 - A. Reminds me God is in charge
 - Psalm 24:1, Romans 14:7-8
 - B. Reminds me of my role as a manager/steward
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - 1) Takes the pressure off and helps us with worries – Matthew 6:31-34
 - 2) Creates an attitude of thankfulness – 2 Cor. 9:10-11
 - 3) Helps me learn that life is about God, not me – 1 Timothy 6:17-19
 - 4) Develops a sense of joy and freedom – John 8:31-32, Acts 20:35

Use the following for discussion questions:

- a) What does it mean to be a generous giver?
 - It is a matter of the heart. The amount of gift is meaningless, but equal sacrifice and gratitude is what God cares about. (see 2 Cor. 8)
- b) What keeps you from being generous with your time and finances?

c) What needs to change in order for you to be a generous person?

- Learn to say no to good things so you can say yes to better things. Also, from the financial side maybe get on a budget, get out of debt, or take a class.

Further Resources

Randy Alcorn – *Money, Eternity and Possessions*

Randy Alcorn – *The Treasure Principle*

Dave Ramsey – *Financial Peace*