



North Church, Florissant, MO
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Stewardship...A Call to Worship Part 1 - Laying the Groundwork

Stewardship is often been taught as an obligation of religion... there's no life to it... it's become just a thing we do."

STEWARDSHIP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- In Creation (Gen 1-3)
- In the life of Joseph (Gen 39-50)
 - *"A steward manages assets for the owner's benefit. The steward carries out no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will."* (Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*)

STEWARDSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- In the Gospels
 - Matt 20 – "Laborers in the vineyard"
 - Matt 25 – "Parable of the talents"
 - Luke 16 – "Parable of the dishonest manager"
- About the Gospel
 - 1 Cor 9:16-17
16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.
 - Eph 3:1-3
For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

- Col 1:25
*I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **God owns everything – nothing you have is yours!***
- “God was and is the owner of everything. He even owns me. God never revoked his ownership, never surrendered his claim to all treasures. He didn’t die and leave the earth to me or anyone else.” (Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*)
- Ps 24:1
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.
- 1 Cor 4:7
What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it.
- The way we steward our things says something about what we worship.
 - 1 Cor 10:31
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 - 1 Cor 6:19-20
You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
 - 2 Cor 8:9
For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Defining Worship

“Worship is our response to what we value most. It’s what we’re all about on any given day. Worship is about saying, ‘This person, this thing, this experience (this whatever) is what matters most to me... it’s the thing of highest value in my life’. That thing might be a relationship. A dream. A position. Status. Something you own. A name. A job. Some kind of pleasure. Whatever name you put on it, this ‘thing’ is what you’ve concluded in your heart is worth most to you. And whatever is worth most to you is—you guessed it—what you worship.” (Louie Giglio, *The Air I Breathe*)

2 Cor 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.