

# **Stewardship of My Life, its Not Just About The \$\$**

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**James 1:17, Matthew 15:14-30, Luke 12:28**

## **Stewardship:**

In the Old Testament it was referred to often as a servant or someone who oversaw the affairs of another.

In the New Testament it was used in reference to what one had done or not done with what had been given.

Combined, we are to be overseers of that which has been given to us.

## **I am a steward of my...**

### **1) Relationship with the Lord**

Is there fellowship? Not only have I trusted Jesus as my Savior, but am I enjoying fellowship with the Lord? Eternal life is knowing Jesus/knowing God! (John 17:3)

#### **Mind**

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*      **Romans 12:2**

#### **Heart**

*Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.* **Proverbs 4:23**

As a steward of my heart and mind, you and I **cannot afford** to have a spirit of hate, bitterness, unforgiveness, lust, anger, etc.

We need to ask ourselves:

“If other people “stewarded” their relationship with the Lord like I do mine, what would God’s Church look like?”

“How have I stewarded my relationship with God lately, including my heart and mind?”

### **2) Attitude**

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond!

Under the direction of the Holy Spirit I control my attitude. No one else controls it, if so, I have allowed that to happen and I am not properly stewarding my attitude.

A right/Godly attitude is over half the battle.

A bad attitude is caught and so is a good one.

*Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,<sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:1-4**

Do you have attitude helpers or hurters in your life?

How have I stewarded my attitude lately?

### **3) Spouse**

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.*

**Ephesians 5:22-28**

His needs/ her needs, love my spouse.

**Date** my spouse.

Speak truth with my spouse.

Remember, after God, our spouse is our first priority.

Parent, brother, sisters etc.

### **4) Kids**

Let them see you reading God's Word (resources). Have them read God's Word and do the devotions.

Remember, it is not a checklist; this more than anything confuses kids:

Legalism vs Lawlessness, this is a real danger.

### **I am to be my child's spiritual leader:**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.<sup>6</sup> "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

## **Imitate/ Expose/ Teach**

### **5) Church**

*Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup>not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

**Romans 12:10-13**

### **6) Time and Resources**

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

**Matthew 6:24**

### **7) Beyond (Prayer Focus)**

How in these areas am I doing as steward (God, attitude, family, spouse), kids, Church, time and resources?

How will my “stewarding” affect not only me, but others?

I will commit to be a Godly steward?