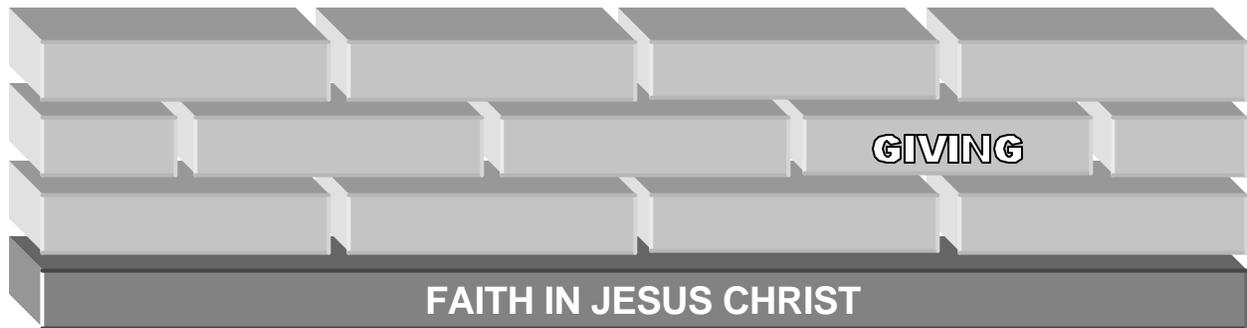


LESSON 7

How to be a good steward of God's possessions



If we have trusted in Christ for our soul, should we not trust our material possessions as well? Our possessions? Who do those things belong to anyway? What role does giving play in my development as a Christian?

Understanding Ownership

📖 Haggai 2:8 What belongs to God? _____

📖 Psalm 24:1

☞ As a “dweller” on the earth, who owns me? _____

☞ What else does He own? _____

📖 James 1:17 Anything good we have received ultimately comes from _____

📖 Leviticus 27:30 What was considered to be holy to the Lord? _____

Understanding Stewardship

📖 1 Peter 4:10 All Christians are to be “good _____”

📖 Genesis 14:18-20 Abraham lived 400 years before the law was given. When he received his property back what did he willingly give the Lord? _____

📖 Genesis 28:20-22 Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, vowed to _____

📖 Matthew 23:23 The Pharisees were negligent in “weightier matters” of their spiritual life which they “ought to have done.” However, with regard to their being meticulous tithers, Jesus said that it was good they did not leave that _____

📖 1 Corinthians 9:14 Who ordained that that preachers should be financially supported on the basis of their full-time ministry? _____

 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

- ☞ Who should be involved in regular giving? _____
- ☞ Gathering on the first day of the week means we give at _____
- ☞ What phrase teaches that we should set money aside for offering? _____

 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

- ☞ Though the churches of Macedonia were in “great poverty”, what phrase in verse 2 shows they still gave generously? _____
- ☞ They insisted on giving for they knew their giving ministered to _____ (vs.4)
- ☞ They had no problem giving of their finances because they “first gave” (vs. 5) _____ which means they were surrendered.

 Malachi 3:8,10

- ☞ What does God call it when a person fails to give the tithe to Him? _____
- ☞ When we give our offering and trust God to meet our needs, what kind of blessing does He pour out in return? _____

 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- ☞ Some people claim that they will begin giving when they can afford to do so. Some individuals may never have reaped bountifully, because they have not yet _____ bountifully. (vs.6)
- ☞ Some people decide on the spot how much to drop in the plate, but we are to give according to how we have _____ in our heart. (vs. 7)
- ☞ Some people give their tithe, but they are resentful because they feel pressured to do so. What should this person remember? (vs. 7) _____

Thought: Everything we have ultimately came from God. As stewards of His possessions, he lets us keep 90% and only asks for 10% back.

1 Corinthians 4:2 “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”