

STEWARDSHIP

TITHING | GIVING | SERVING | INTERCESSION & FASTING

Stewardship is a word we don't use a lot in our world, but it simply means "what you do with what you have." As God entrusts things to you in life, how are you stewarding those things to best build the Kingdom and lead others towards Jesus?

When it comes to finances, we need to start by understanding that our money is not our own, and truly belongs to God. When we fully understand that, it doesn't leave us wanting more, it leaves us wanting to learn to invest in more eternal things. All of the sudden, tithing to the church and giving to missional causes aren't chores, they're privileges that we truly cherish.

When it comes to our time, it's so easy to be selfish and take our identity from how busy we are. The worst part of this, is that it becomes so easy to miss what God is wanting to do in and through our lives. So, part

of maturing with God is learning to give him control of our calendars and our daily schedules, and learning to serve people around us. Serving in the church is a natural first step, but beyond that Christians should be the first ones to step up and serve our communities around us.

Another area where we need to be good stewards, is how we commit to pray for the people and situations around us, and commit to fasting in order to clear our heads and beg God to move in our world. Through a rhythm of intercessory prayer and fasting in our lives, we show that we KNOW that we are fully reliant on God, and that He is in control.

How we steward these things God has graciously given us shows a lot of our understanding of His sovereignty and reveals either a heart of gratitude or a heart of selfishness.



IN GOD WE TRUST

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.

1 PETER 4:10

STEWARDSHIP CONT.

1

Are you tithing? If not, start now. Do you see money as being your own, or something you are a steward of?

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Do you see your money as potential investment in the Kingdom? How are you making your money work for the gospel?

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What are you giving to that is outside of your normal life? Are you giving to any local ministries or missions organizations overseas?

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What is your “job” in the church? How are you serving on a Sunday? How are you serving during the week? What are you doing to serve that no one knows about?

5

How are you serving the people outside of the church? Have you done something in your community that shows them that you love them?

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How are you serving the poor in your city? Are you going out of your way to get out of your economic class, and serve people who are less fortunate?

7

Are you committing to pray for huge things? How are you asking God to move in your life and the lives around you? Do you pray for things and believe that God really can move?

8

When is the last time you fasted while asking God for direction or work in your life? Do you make fasting a habit? Do you do it in a healthy way? Should you do it more in your life?

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN DISCIPLESHIP

RESOURCE	AUTHOR / CREATOR	TYPE
Unleashed	Erwin McNanus	Book
Realign	Josh Lawson	Book
Radical	David Platt	Book
Something Needs to Change	David Platt	Book
A Hunger for God	John Piper	Book
Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough	Dr. Elmer Towns	Book
Kingdom Stewardship	Tony Evans	Book
Be Our Guest*	The Disney Institute	Book
God's Chosen Fast	Arthur Wallis	Book
The Hour that Changes the World	Dick Eastman	Book

* Not a Christian Resource

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