

“Stewardship Download”

Growth Groups Fall 2019

Part 1- “Moving From Pride To Gratitude... Seeing Everything As A Gift”

How Do We Develop A Grateful Attitude Concerning Our Time, Talents, & Treasures? Week of Sept. 22, 2019

1. The Foundation Of Stewardship Is: God Owns Everything!

- 1). How do we know that to be true? Read Psa. 24:1... what belongs to God?
- 2). Read Deuteronomy 8:18. What does the Bible say about your ability to produce wealth?

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” C.S. Lewis

2. Since God Owns Everything- We Bury Our Pride, Humble Ourselves, & Become Grateful Stewards

- 1), **What’s the difference between an owner and a manager or steward?**
 - The owner has rights... the steward or manager has responsibilities!
 - The Bible teaches- we are stewards and not owners of our resources!
- 2). **Read the story of the owner & the three servants in Matt.25:14-30** (have a number of people participate in reading the verses) **and answer the following questions:**
 - Who owned the talents that were given to each of the servants?
 - Two of the servants invested the talents they were given responsibly, what was the owner’s response?
 - What was the owner’s reaction to the lazy steward who was irresponsible?
- 3). **Do you think the two responsible stewards were grateful or sad with the owner’s response to their stewardship? Why?**

3. Gratitude To God & His Reward For Being Faithful Stewards- Makes For Great Lives & Closeness With Jesus!

- 1). **As stewards, what are we to do with all God has entrusted to us? 1 Peter 4:10**
- 2). **How might using your gifts from God to serve others add gratitude to your life?**