

The Attitude of a Godly Steward



Philippians 2:1-8

- Theme: The Year of Refreshing – “Everything Starts with God” (Psalms 46:1-11)
- The word “refreshing” implies the supply of something necessary to bring restoration of strength, spirit, vigor, or liveliness, relief after suffering, or new life.
- The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore, and to refortify.
- The Holy Spirit is able to supply everything we need.
- The purpose: to make us aware of our responsibility as stewards of God.
- The goal: to encourage us to walk in obedience to God and to help us to maximize our ability to handle all that God has entrusted to us.
- Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Obedience, Authority, Faith, Sowing and Reaping
- Objective Lessons: (1) The Priority of a Steward (2) The Attitude of a Steward (3) The Character of a Steward

○ Review:

- Seven Things we should know about Stewardship
- 1. What does stewardship mean? It means the right to care for the property of another.
- 2. God owns everything. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12, Haggai 2:8, Psalm 50:10, 24:1-2, 100:1-5)
- 3. Teaching stewardship is a lifelong process. “Teaching is not complete until learning takes place.”
- 4. God gave us stewardship to teach us responsibility. “(God planted the garden – placed Adam there to tend it and keep it (cultivate it – make it better)”.
- 5. Stewardship deals with every area of our lives (life, finances, gifts, talents, resources, time, possessions, etc.)
- 6. God never rewards a disobedient steward, only an obedient steward will experience the reward of the Lord in their life.
- 7. Without an understanding of stewardship, everything that God has entrusted to us will be mismanaged. “Dr. Myles Munroe – When you don’t know the purpose of a thing, you will abuse a thing.”

- The Priority of a Godly Steward - Exodus 20:1-3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5
1. Priority number #1 – God must be first in everything. (Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 8:11-18, Matthew 22:35-40)
- The word “priority” means before something; concern, an interest, or desire that comes before all others; takes precedence over.
 - An “idol” is anyone or anything that is put before God.
 - (Exodus 20:1-3) – And God spoke all these words saying: ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. ³You shall have no other gods before Me.”
- (1.) Personal Relationship. – “I am the Lord your God.” (vs. 2)
 - (2.) Problem. – who brought you out of the land of Egypt (the world) and out of the house of bondage (deliverance – sin, guilt and shame) (vs. 2)
 - (3.) Priority. – “You shall have no other gods before Me”. (vs. 3)

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- Our attitude with God is influenced in great part by our attitude and by actions or behaviors.
 - The truth is your attitude will determine your altitude.
 - The Attitude that every Godly Steward should possess.
 - An Attitude to be useful. (John 9:4-5, Mark 14:35-36)
 - (John 9:4-5) – Jesus Christ declared, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work...
1. Jesus’ life was about pleasing God and fulfilling His purpose in the earth.
 2. Jesus knew His life was to be live in such a manner that others would want to follow.
 3. Jesus knew that He was the light in a world that was darkened by sin.

- 1) Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
 - Seek God's way and not your way.
 - The word "seek" means to seek, to go after; to strive; to pursue; to desire; to aim at; to search for; to endeavor to get.

- 2) Stop worrying about tomorrow's affairs.
 - God knows exactly what you have need of even before you ask.
 - Some of you are worrying about tomorrow and tomorrow hasn't even gotten here. Listen, God is not only the Source of all things – but He supplies all things.

- 3) Don't be afraid to let go of dead weight. (Hebrews 12:1-2, John 15:1-5)
 - (John 15:1-5) – Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
 1. What a powerful statement by Jesus. Because just like a tree needs pruning from time to time to remove all the dead branches or it could be an area that is overgrown – so it is with the life of every true believer.
 - Every branch (believer) must be connected to the vine (Jesus Christ). I am nothing without Him nor can I do anything effective for the Kingdom of God without Him.
 - Pruning is so vitally important for us grow in our walk with God
 - The Holy Spirit "prunes" us in order to reshape our lives in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.
 - The Holy Spirit prunes us during the different times and seasons of our lives for our spiritual growth and our spiritual health.
 2. Attitude to be a Generous Giver. (Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38, 2Corinthians 9:6-8)
 - We must not walk in fear, but trust God to provide for our lives (Proverbs 3:1-10)
 - We must submit our hearts completely to Jesus Christ and follow His instructions. (Matthew 6:21)

- We must be responsible stewards in managing what God entrusted to us.
- 1. Remember God owns everything. (Psalm 24:1-3)
- 2. Remember God deserve the first of everything. (Proverbs 3:10)
- 3. Remember God supplies everything. (Deuteronomy 8:18)
 - “You may earn a living, but God gives us the ability to earn.”
- 4. Remember every good and perfect gift comes from God. (James 1:17)
 - “You may possess it, but God owns it.”
- 5. Remember God delights in us prospering. (Psalm 35:27)
- 6. Remember you don’t have to lie, cheat or steal to get ahead in life. We just have to live by principles that are governed by the Word of God. (Proverbs 13:11)
- 7. Remember trust is the single most important factor in any relationship, without it you don’t have a relationship. (Proverbs 3:5)
 - Trust is a foundational belief that every steward of God must possess. (Proverbs 3:5-7)
 - Fear is the result of our inability to trust God in every aspect of our lives. (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - Don’t allow fear to rob you of the joy of being a blessing to the Kingdom of God
 - Don’t allow fear to rob you of your testimony.