

# 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: <sup>2</sup>“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup>You 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.