

The Priority of a Steward



Exodus 20:1-3

- March of 2023, will mark (3) three years of this Pandemic – The mindset of every believer should not just be how far we’ve come, but how much have we learned about God and ourselves in the process. Someone once said, “When history is forgotten, history will be repeated.”
- In the Bible the number Three (3) holds great meaning – it signifies growth, restoration and reproductivity. (Genesis 1)
- I believe brothers and sisters that we are coming into our Spring Season – This Year of Refreshing.
- This is a season of spiritual growth, restoration, and reproductivity (fruitfulness).

A. The word “refreshing” implies the supply of something necessary to bring restoration of strength, spirit, vigor, or liveliness, relief after suffering, or new life.

1. The word “refreshing” is synonymous to the word rejuvenate, revive, to renew, restore or to refortify.
2. The purpose: to make us aware of our responsibility as stewards of God.
3. 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.
4. Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Obedience, Authority, Faith.

○ Seven Things we should know about Stewardship

B. What does stewardship mean? It means the right to care for the property of another.

- (Genesis 1:26-28) – “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.
- 1. Another word for “dominion” is stewardship, manager or administrator.
- In other words, God gave man “stewardship”, but not Ownership. “God is the owner, I’m just the manager.”

2. **God owns everything. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12, Haggai 2:8, Psalm 50:10, 24:1-2, 100:1-5).**
 - **Everything I own belongs to God. The house that I live in, the clothes I have, the car that I drive, the gift(s) that I have, the finances that I have, the talent that I have – they all belong to God. God requires that we be good managers over it.**
3. **Teaching stewardship is a lifelong process.**
4. **God gave us stewardship to teach us responsibility.**
5. **Stewardship deals with every area of our lives (life, finances, gifts, talents, money, 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.”**

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- **The Word of God describes our Sovereign God as the Creator and Sustainer of all things. God is before all things and creator of all things. He is the only True and Living God and none can be compared to His greatness. He is above all – He reigns and rules over all. Don’t you ever forget! (Genesis 1:1-3)**
1. **When God speaks we need to pay close attention to what He is saying. (Genesis 1:1-3)**
 2. **Whenever God speaks it is to bring order to our lives and everything that God speaks has purpose.**

- **Priority number #1 – God must be first in everything. (Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 8:11-18, Matthew 22:35-40).**
 - 1. The word “priority” means before something; concern, an interest, or desire that comes before all others; takes precedence over.**
 - 2. An “idol” is anyone or anything that is put before God.**
 - 3. Notice God’s instructions are simple and clear. Notice (3) Three things God addresses in (Exodus 20:1-3): (1) Personal relationship, (2) Problem, (3) Priority.**