

# The Principle of Stewardship



**Genesis 1:26-28**

- Stewardship is “God’s plan to fulfill my life.”
- Stewardship – the authority to care for the property of another.
- Fulfill – that which completes (Col. 2:9).
- When we see things that God has made bringing corruption to man, it is because men have not been good stewards.
- This principle is God’s plan to cause His will to produce an abundance.
- Purpose: a character building, principle.
- Goal: to super abound and meet the needs of others.
- Objective: how to be a wise steward over the provision of God.

○ We Are Stewards of the Most High God:

- The top two questions that Christians ask:
  1. What is my purpose in life?
  2. How can I know God’s will for my life?
- Stewardship answers these questions.

○ Statements About Being a Steward:

1. No matter who I am or what I have, I was created for God’s purposes not mine.
2. I am a steward of the Most - High God.
3. God has given us dominion or stewardship (Ps. 8:5).
4. Steward – administrator, overseer, or a manager.
5. Teaching stewardship is a lifelong process.
6. We have been given talents, gifts, and resources to care for God’s business.
7. We all must stand before the Lord Jesus Christ and give an account of our stewardship.
8. Great opportunities may come once in a lifetime, however, small opportunities surround us every day.
9. God gave us authority and stewardship, but He did not give us ownership or lordship.

○ **Requirements of a Steward:**

- 1. The steward is subject to the legal document of the owner.**
- 2. The steward does not have ownership, but he can be punished for the misuse of his authority.**
- 3. The steward assumes no liability but enjoys great benefits.**
- 4. The steward handles all the money, but he must distribute it according to the legal document.**

○ **The Qualifications of Being a Good Steward:**

- 1. A good steward must be qualified.**
- 2. A good steward must be knowledgeable (Hos. 4:6).**
- 3. A good steward must be honest (Acts 6:3).**
- 4. A good steward should be a good administrator (Prov. 6:6).**
- 5. A good steward is faithful (1 Cor. 4:2).**
- 6. A good steward has character.**
- 7. A good steward is steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58).**
- 8. A good steward must strive for the spirit of excellence (Dan. 6:3).**