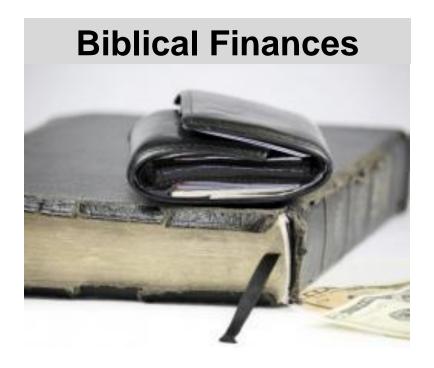
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Study #2 -My Responsibility to Manage!

Biblical Finances #2



So God owns all things and He has made me a manager (a steward). I am not an owner but a manager of God's resources. We've also seen that God will hold me accountable for how I manage the resources He provides.

Our goal in this study is to explore some basic management (stewardship) principles.

1. **Review:** What was God's first command to mankind –Gen. 1:28, 2:15?

2. **Review:** What did God include in that command –Gen. 1:28? Make a list of the things you are currently managing?

16. Living like that (Eccl. 2) what are the things that people look for satisfaction in –Psalm 17:14?

17. But we were made for much more than that. What are we made to be satisfied by –Ps. 17:15?

18. At that time, as managers who will be held accountable, what do we want to hear –Mt. 25:21,23?

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich" -2 Cor. 8:9

13. What should we not seek? What should we seek?

3. **Review:** In our last study we explore the parable of the talents –Mt. 25:14-28. What were some positive benefits for managing the Master's resources wisely? (temporal & eternal)

- 14. Good management of what God has provided for us leads to what according to –Lk. 12:33?
- 4. **Review:** What were some of the negative consequences for managing the Master's resources poorly? (temporal & eternal)

- 15. We live in the world and the world continually pressures us to live by its principles rather than God's. What did the wisest man in the world find when he lived life based on what the world said was important –Eccl. 2:4-11?
- 5. What kind of manager does God expect me to be? Which of these two management styles do you relate to most?

6. How does Jesus encourage us to manage our lives and material assets in –Mt. 6:19-21?

10. What was the truth he missed -Lk. 12:15?

7. How does –Rom. 12:1 & 2 relate to managing my life?

11. What did God call this man? Why? What is wisdom?

8. What was the major problem with how the man in –Lk. 12:16-21 managed his life & assets?

12. In contrast to seeking the things that the world says is important (accumulation of things) how does Jesus encourage us to live in –Lk. 12:29-33?