

FINANCIAL PEACE DURING TURBULENT TIMES

“Faithful Stewardship on the Roller Coaster of Life”



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Introduction:

A key to having the right attitude toward money and possessions and making wise financial decisions is truly understanding God's role in this area. Last week we saw that God is the creator, owner and provider of everything in this world. He controls how resources are allocated to each of us and it is only through His power that we are able to work and acquire wealth. Therefore, **EVERY FINANCIAL DECISION IS A SPIRITUAL DECISION**. Having a proper understanding of God's role we can now see our role as financial/spiritual _____.

I. Stewardship Defined: The _____ or superintendent to whom the owner has committed (entrusted) the management of his affairs. He/She is in charge of receipts and expenditures and is _____ to the owner.

Note #1: A steward's actions and decisions are to be exactly the same as the owner would make.

Note #2: Stewardship is a personal issue that reflects my own hearts desires. How I allocate (spend, save or give) money reveals how I see myself – as an owner or a manager of someone else's goods.

II. Consequences of Being a Poor Steward (Luke 16)

- Vs. 1> _____ his goods (lazy in earning or not frugal in spending) Prov. 18:9
- Vs. 3-4> His first concern is _____ his lifestyle and his pride
- Vs. 5-8> Slothful stewardship is characteristic of 'children of this _____
- Vs. 9> Befriending earthly treasure results in _____ (Luke 12:33)
- Vs. 10> Reflects our faithfulness in other areas
- Vs. 11-13> Unfaithful in temporary riches results in no _____ riches (Prov. 8:18-19)

Note: The root cause of poor financial stewardship is _____ (vs. 14)

III. Benefits of Being a Faithful Steward (Genesis 39)

- Vs. 1> Is in the world but not _____ it
Vs. 2> Walks with the Lord and is _____
Vs. 3> His life _____ his Lord (owner)
Vs. 4> Trustworthy for 'all that he had' (vs. 5a, 5b, 6, 8)
Vs. 5> Faithful for the _____
*Financial stewardship requires consistency, discipline and balance
Vs. 5> Faithful Progression: house → all earthly possessions → _____ (Matt. 13:38)
Vs. 6> Responsible without being _____ over
Vs. 7-9> _____ is on God, not on earthly pleasures (Col. 3:1-2)
Vs. 10-18> _____ from compromising situations and temptations
Vs. 19-23> Stewardship is not based on location or _____

Note: Joseph's faithfulness to God and focus on God in prison led to him becoming Vice-President (Gen. 41:39-43, 57)

Lessons to Learn

- 1) Faithful steward uses assets to benefit the owner according to the owner's plan.
- 2) Life will hold seasons of _____ (plenty) and seasons of drought (leanness) so be a good steward in both.
- 3) I will give an _____ for the stewardship of the time, talent and resources that God gave me (Rom. 14:12, II Cor. 5:10).
- 4) Every financial decision has _____ some put us in bondage and some set us free.

Giving, wise spending and saving make a strong three-fold cord to withstand Satan's economic attacks.

Eccl. 4:12. . . . a three-fold cord is not quickly broken.

Action Plan:

Memory verse: Luke 16:11

Read pages 20-23 and complete form #8A.