

“Five Things - Stewardship”

Let God Reign In Your Riches!

Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Genesis 39:1-6

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“The Scriptures teach that everything belongs to God, that the authority and power to obtain and use goods are given by God, and that men are to seek God’s glory in the use of their goods” (RP Testimony 4.11). Don’t cling to your riches as a selfish miser. Instead, discover the true joy of laboring as a steward serving God and others. Invest with discipline (and patience!) in the great mission of glorifying and enjoying God in all things!

I. God _____ it _____.

- 1) Do you view yourself as a _____ like Joseph? Own nothing and _____ everything by yielding your _____ to the _____.
- 2) God lays _____ to the _____ of his covenant people (Mal. 3:8-10).
- 3) _____ is an act of worship. What is your _____ (Ps. 96:8)?

II. God honors _____ in _____.

- 1) Debt is presuming on the _____, and is a form of _____ (Prov. 22:7)
- 2) We ought to seek _____ before making financial _____ (Prov. 10:8; 12:15; 19:20)
- 3) Trust in God translates into _____ in dealings and _____ in our work.
- 4) _____ was an important part of worship in the early church (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

III. God loves a _____.

- 1) Worship the Lord with you _____, _____, _____, and treasure.
- 2) Take heed to your _____, and give _____ (Eccl. 12:1; 2 Cor. 9:5-9).
- 3) Invest in what lasts _____: God, _____, and _____. This conviction will lead you into a life that revolves around _____, Scripture, and ministry!

Application: “Let me encourage you, when you are allocating your resources, to think about how you can invest in Christ’s kingdom. That includes your time, your labor, your equipment, and your money. That’s how we support the ministry of Christ. If you return to God what He asks of you, then you can enjoy the rest as long as you use it wisely. In the final analysis, giving itself is a grace that God gives. It is one of the important steps to spiritual growth.”

-- R. C. Sproul, *Five Things Every Christ Needs To Grow*, p. 126