



Facts About... Christian Stewardship

1. WHAT IS A STEWARD?

Stewards were created to reflect the 'image' of God and to represent His interests. True stewards are disciples of Jesus Christ and demonstrate what He is like. The recognition of creation and redemption places stewards in a close relationship with their Lord.

2. STEWARDS ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

Stewards come from all races, tribes, languages and nations to be members of God's family. Membership in God's family transcends all other ties and human relationships. Being part of God's family means that stewards become one in purpose and one in mission. This oneness of purpose fulfills the prayer of Christ: "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" (Jn 17:21).

3. WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

God provides the foundation of stewardship. He gives life and invites us into an intimate partnership with Him. This partnership begins with accepting Jesus Christ as Savior—experiencing the joy of salvation. This then leads us to trust Him enough to accept Him as Lord and owner of our lives.

4. WHAT IS BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP?

The Bible teaches that true partners with God are those who have a relationship with Him and who worship Him with their whole life. Stewardship is an acknowledgement of God's ownership and sovereignty. It also recognizes Christ's claim of lordship in our lives for the services we provide to the local church and community.



5. IS MONEY PART OF STEWARDSHIP?

Yes. Biblical stewardship includes tithe and offerings as well as every other aspect of our lives: health, talents, time, relationships, resources and the environment. In loving God heart, mind and soul, our relationship with Him will be reflected in all of our activities. When Jesus is Lord of our lives, he will be Lord of our financial resources as well.

6. FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Viewed from its totality, stewardship is an expression of discipleship with a heart for God's mission in the world. Stewards live out their faithfulness in all things as members and leaders in unity with God's worldwide church. Stewardship is the lifestyle of one who has accepted Christ's lordship. It is walking in partnership with God and acting as God's agent to manage His interests on earth.

7. WE ARE GOD'S STEWARDS

"Every good thing of earth was placed here by the bountiful hand of God as an expression of His love to man. The poor are His, and the cause of religion is His. The gold and the silver are the Lord's; and He could rain them from heaven if He chose. But instead of this He has made man His steward, entrusting him with means, not to be hoarded, but to be used in benefiting others. He thus makes man the medium through which to distribute His blessings on earth."

Ellen G. White. *Counsels on Stewardship*, (Review and Herald Publishing Association, Copyright 1940, The Ellen White Publications), p. 15.



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