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BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

WEEK 4

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF SELF

A Biblical Perspective on Personal Stewardship

Romans 12:1 NKJV - "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."



UNDERSTANDING SELF-STEWARDSHIP

Definition: **The faithful management and development of our whole being for God's glory.**

1 Corinthians 6:19 NKJV - "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"



THE THREE DIMENSIONS OF SELF

1. **Body** – Physical
2. **Soul** – Mind, Will, Emotion
3. **Spirit** – Your Inner Man



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

1. Our Bodies as God's Temple

1 Corinthians 6:20 NKJV - "For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

2. Physical Health as Worship

1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV - "Whether therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

When you think about your body in this context,
what do you think of?

Which members of your body struggles the most
with this?



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

3. Our Eyes

When we look at things we shouldn't look at.



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

4. Our Ears

When you listen to things that we shouldn't listen to.



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

5. Our Hands

When we touch and handle what we should not.



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6. Our Feet

When we walk and go, where we should not.



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

7. Our Mouths

When we eat and drink what we should not eat or drink.



STEWARDING OUR PHYSICAL BODIES

7. Our Tongues

What we say what we shouldn't say.



THE UNTAMEABLE TONGUE

James 3: 1-2

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a ^[a]perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.



WE CAN TAME HORSES

James 3:3

Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

WE CAN TAME SHIPS

James 3:4

Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.



THE BOASTING OF THE TONGUE

James 3:5

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.



THE TONGUE IS A FIRE – A WORLD OF SIN!

James 3:5b - 6

See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of [c]iniquity.

The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of [d]nature; and it is set on fire by [e]hell.



THE CHALLENGE OF TAMING THE TONGUE

James 3:7 -8

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. *It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*



THE CHALLENGE OF TAMING THE TONGUE

James 3:9-12

With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?



BEWARE OF THE CONTRADICTIONS OF THE TONGUE

James 3:12

Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.



LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit



SO, WHAT CONSTITUTES BAD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BODIES?

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



SO, WHAT IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BODIES?

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



THE BODY AS GOD'S TEMPLE

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" -



THE BODY AS GOD'S TEMPLE

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are."



THE BODY AS GOD'S TEMPLE

1 Corinthians 6:20

"For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."



PHYSICAL HEALTH AND CARE

3 John 1:2

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

1 Corinthians 10:31

"Whether therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

Ephesians 5:29

"For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church."



THE BODY AND SIN

Romans 6:12

"Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts."

1 Corinthians 6:18

"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."



BODY AND SPIRIT CONNECTION

Romans 8:13

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."



THE BODY AS PART OF CREATION

Psalm 139:14

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."



REST AND RENEWAL

Matthew 11:28

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Psalms 127:2

"It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives His beloved sleep."



MODERATION AND SELF-CONTROL

1 Corinthians 9:27

"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."



PRAY FOR GOOD HEALTH

3 John 1:2

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BODY

James 2:26

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."



THE WHOLE PERSON

1 Thessalonians 5:23

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

