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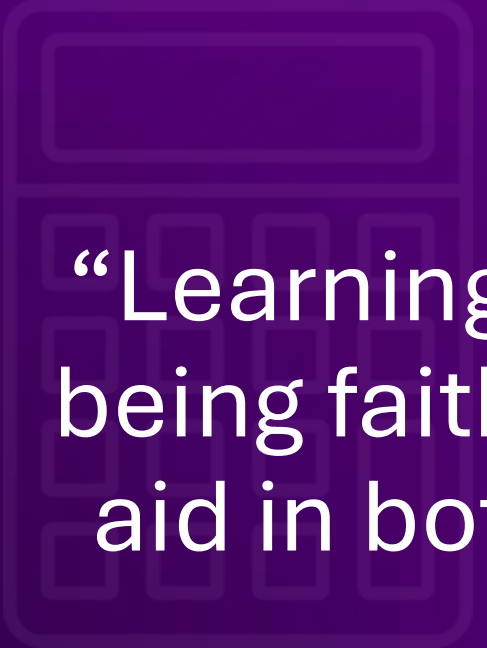
# Biblical Stewardship

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“Learning the art of biblical stewardship,  
being faithful, wise and excelling in it, will  
aid in both earthly and eternal rewards”

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# Learning the art of Biblical Stewardship?

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' Luke 16:1-4 (NKJV)



“Biblical stewardship must be taught,  
understood, and modelled from the earliest  
age and throughout life”

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# Four keys on Stewardship?

1. Purpose of Stewardship
2. Performance of Stewardship
3. Problems of Stewardship
4. Principles of Stewardship



“When purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.”

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Dr Myles Munroe



# The Purpose of Stewardship

1. The management of a household or of household affairs
2. The management, oversight, and administration of other's property
3. The office of a manager, overseer, or stewardship
4. The administration and dispensation of goods and or resources





“The worst sin against stewardship is to waste your life.”

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R.C Sprouls





# The Performance of Stewardship

1. Ourselves, spirit, soul, and body.
2. Our Resources, time, talents, treasure, goods, household, and property
3. Other Peoples, goods, households, and property.
4. Our Performance to ensure that we are on purpose, and profitable



“Businesses are the core energy of our economy, and effective management is the engine that keeps them running smoothly”

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# The Problems of Stewardship

1. Demoting God
2. Disloyal Assignment
3. Deluded Management
4. Double Minded



# 1. Demoting God

**TEXT:** Isaiah 14:13-14 (NKJV)

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.



## 2. Disloyal Assignment

**TEXT:** Matthew 25:26-30 (NKJV)

“But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



### 3. Deluded Management

**TEXT:** Luke 15:13 (NKJV)

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.



## 4. Double Minded

**TEXT:** James 1:2-8 (NKJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



“Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life; Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it.”

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Randy Alcorn



# The Principles of Stewardship

1. We are blessed by God and mandated to steward His creation. Gen 1:26-28, 2:15
2. We must acknowledge God as provider of resources for His agenda. Duet 8:18
3. We must realise that we belong to God, so, we should glorify Him. (1 Cor 6:20)
4. We must first honor God with our finances and in financial stewardship. Pro 3:9-10
5. We must be faithful, wise and profitable with His resources. Math 24:15-30
6. We must manage ourselves, and time on purpose, and profitably. Eph 5:15-16
7. We must use our spiritual gifts to serve each other and our world. 1 Pet 4:10
8. We are 100% accountable to God for the management of His resources. Rom 14:12
9. With faithful, wise and profitable stewardship comes divine rewards. Luk 16:10-13

“Biblical stewardship calls all believers to acknowledge God as Creator and Owner of all things, to accept that He created us, to manage His resources, faithful, wise, and profitable, with a heart to serve His purpose across the earth.”

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