

# LESSON 10

## STEWARDSHIP

Memorize:

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

(Matthew 6:33)

### INTRODUCTION

David established a fundamental truth in ***Psalm 24:1*** “*The earth is the LORD’S and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein.*” In other words, we don’t own anything. It all belongs to Him. He has allowed us to have possessions, but we will be held accountable for everything He has given us, be it our children, talents, material possessions or spiritual revelations. He has made us stewards over His possessions.

A steward is one who manages the affairs of another person. It may be their household, estate, finances, or property. The parable in ***Matthew 25:14-30*** tells us about a man who gave his money to his servants for safekeeping before he left on a long journey. When he returned, he asked them to give an account of what they were given. Similarly, we will have to give an account of ourselves to God. Understanding this, we want to faithfully manage all of life’s possessions in the light of His great trust.

### GOD’S OWNERSHIP

1. According to ***1 Corinthians 6:19-20*** “*For ye are bought with a price...*” Who do we belong to now? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In ***Matthew 25:14-30***, how did the servant with the one talent displease his master? \_\_\_\_\_
3. As good stewards, what should we do with our gifts? (***1 Peter 4:10***)  
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4. Is God going to take an accounting of our works? (***Romans 14:12-13***) \_\_\_\_\_

## STEWARDSHIP IN POSSESSIONS

1. Read **John 6:1-14**. How big was the boy's lunch? \_\_\_\_\_
2. After Jesus blessed it, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In **Mark 9:41**, Jesus talks about a cup of water. What does this tell us about the value God places on small things? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In **Proverbs 24:30-34**, we read that the slothful man doesn't take care of his property. What will he experience? (**verse 34**) \_\_\_\_\_

## STEWARDSHIP IN FINANCES

The scriptures, both Old and New Testament, make references to paying tithes unto the Lord. The word tithe comes from the Greek word *deka* which means a tenth.

1. Did Jesus, when scolding the Pharisees for their hypocrisy, tell them that it was no longer necessary for them to pay their tithes? (**Matthew 23:23**) \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Proverbs 3:9**, tells us to honor the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ and with the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What happens if we honor the Lord by giving generously unto Him? (**Proverbs 3:10**) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Read **Malachi 3:8-11**. Is it possible to rob from God? \_\_\_\_\_  
How? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where are we supposed to bring the tithe? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two promises does God give us if we are faithful and pay our tithes?  
(**Malachi 3:10-11**)
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
6. To whom does the tithe belong? (**Leviticus 27:30**) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What kind of giver does the Lord love? (**2 Corinthians 9:7**) \_\_\_\_\_
8. If we give generously, God will give \_\_\_\_\_. (**Luke 6:38**)

## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

1. Jesus said there is something more valuable than the world itself. What is it?  
**(Matthew 16:24-26)** \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Lord promises that all our needs would be taken care of if we seek first  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. **(Matthew 6:33)**
3. Jesus said we should lay up treasures *(make an investment)* in \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(Matthew 6:20-21)** Why is this so important? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Paul fought a good fight, and finished his course. What did he look forward to  
receiving from the Lord? **(2 Timothy 4:7-8)** \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY

It is a privilege to be a child of God. It is a rewarding way of life because now there is significance to the things you do, great or small. Because you acknowledge Him to be Lord of your life, you will try to serve Him with all of your heart, mind, and body by faithfully using the talents and possessions He has given you for the advancement of His kingdom.

*“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season  
we shall reap, if we faint not.”*  
**(Galatians 6:9)**

## NOTES: QUESTIONS/COMMENTS