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“You & It Belong To God” – I Chronicles 29:1-9
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I. What does God expect?

Based on the Word of God, every Christian is expected to live a life of prayer, study of scripture, service to others, witnessing to others, worshipping God, and stewardship. However, many Christians struggle in the area of stewardship. This November we will focus on Stewardship and look specifically at how God wants us to manage/steward His resources.

II. What are the 4 T’s of Stewardship?

1. Time – “Teach us to number our days...” - Psalm 90:12
2. Talent – “One body, many parts” I Corinthians 13:20
3. Temple – “Present your body as a living sacrifice...” – Rom. 12:1
4. Treasure – “Abraham gave a tenth of everything” – Genesis 14:20

III. Are there Biblical scriptures about financial stewardship?

1. “Honor the Lord with your substance/wealth and with the first fruit of all of your increase/income” – Proverbs 3:9
2. “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away” – Job 1:21
3. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” – Matthew 6:21
4. “To whom much is given, much is required” – Luke 12:48
5. “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son” – John 3:16
6. “Don’t give grudgingly or of necessity for the Lord loves a cheerful giver” - II Corinthians 9:7
7. “Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over shall men give unto you” – Luke 6:38

IV. Are there biblical stories about financial stewardship?

1. Widow at Zarephath – I Kings 17:7-16
2. Little boy who lent his lunch – Mark 14:13-21
3. Parable of Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37
4. The widow’s mite – Mark 12:41-44
5. Parable of the hidden talents – Matthew 25:14-30
6. Parable of the Sower, seeds, and soil – Matthew 13:3-12
7. Parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

V. What is the background of our text?

1. David wanted to build a temple for God, but God said no
2. God selected Solomon to build the temple instead
3. David and the people gave to advance God’s Kingdom

VI. What are the main points in I Chronicles 29:1-9?

1. We live and give for the glory of God (v.1)
2. We give to God the best of our ability (v.2)
3. We give personally and sacrificially (v.3-5)
4. We give willingly and voluntarily (v.6)
5. We give collectively and communally (v.7)
6. We give faithfully, reverently, and devoutly (v.8)
7. We give joyfully, freely, & wholeheartedly (v.9)

VII. What is tithing all about?

1. Tithing is more about one’s **faith** than one’s **finances**
2. Tithing is more about one’s **commitment** than one’s **cash**
3. Tithing is more about spiritual **maturity** than secular **money**
4. Tithing is more about **developing** as a disciple than **dollars**
5. Tithing is more about your **relationship** than **riches**
6. Tithing is more about God’s **will** than our **wealth**

VIII. How should a Christian tithe?

- Practicing Christian disciples ought to give individually, regularly, sacrificially, and cheerfully to God through their local church.

IX. Wise sayings about tithing/financial stewardship

1. Tithing is what you owe, offering it what you sow
2. Take care of God’s house and God will take care of your house
3. A closed hand does not give or receive
4. Tithing is just the beginning or good start
5. “For it is by giving that we receive” - Francis of Assisi –
6. Winston Churchill – we make a living not by what we get but by what we give.

X. Spiritual Truths

1. The world **BEGAN** with God and was created by God
2. We and everything **BELONGS** to God
3. God **BLESSES** us all with time, talents, and treasurer
4. God **BESTOWS** us all with different gifts as He sees fit
5. We ought to **BRING** back to God at least 10% of His blessings