

Generosity has an underlying theme of “stewardship,” which means to manage someone else’s property. Scripture proclaims that everything belongs to God; as Christians, we are managers of our Lord’s property. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude that our things are His things. We are mere lessees of property, money, relationships, talents, time, physical body, spiritual gifts, and the life He has given us. That means all we are and all we have are not really ours. They belong to God. The duty of the Christian is not just a suggestion, but a responsibility and an accountability. We are to learn how to become responsible stewards of the resources our Lord has entrusted into our care. We are to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory. (1 Corinthians 4:2).

HELPFUL Suggestions

STUDY YOUR BIBLE

The following Scripture teaches us about Christian stewardship of our:

- **Time:** Ephesians 5:15-16 and Colossians 4:5
- **Talents:** Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4:11-16
- **Treasure:** 1 Timothy 6:6-8 and 18-19, 2 Corinthians 8:3-14 and 9:7-8

SURVEY YOUR LIFESTYLE

1. Use the resources of others as a testimony of good stewardship. When you borrow something from a neighbor, relative, or friend, take care of it as if it were your own. This will set an example for asset stewardship.
2. Begin practicing the principle of “giving” by looking around your house to see what you have that you can give away to someone in need.

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TIME MANAGEMENT

Use the online Bible study *Multiplying the Life Through Redeeming the Time* by J. Hampton Keathly III. You will discover more about who you are as a Christian, what you should and should not expect from our world, and why you were placed here by God. You will be amazed at what you will learn about giving your life away as it relates to your time. bible.org/seriespage/31-stewardship-time

YOUR FUTURE

1. Prepare a personal will or trust. A personal will or trust is an important document that every Christian with assets, however large or small, should have. Why? First, your will or trust empowers you to specify how your assets will be distributed when you die. Second, your will or trust allows you to leave behind bequests and declarations affirming your relationship with Christ.
 - Download *Planning Your Legacy: A Christian Guide to Planning Your Will and Trust* (crown.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Planning-Your-Legacy-FINAL2.pdf)
 - Understand the importance of having a will or trust and what you should consider including in it.
 - Pray, think through, plan, and record information before you meet with an attorney.
 - Be certain that eternal perspective is considered and addressed in your will or trust.
 - Add a spiritual dimension to your written will or trust.
2. Plan for your retirement. (faithfi.com)

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RESOURCES ON STEWARDSHIP

- **NIV Stewardship Study Bible** from Zondervan. Explore the powerful themes of stewardship woven throughout Scripture. Learn about Biblical characters who exemplify effective stewardship. Explore God’s design for your life as His steward. In this resource, you will discover why you have been given the privilege of managing God’s resources.
- **The Total Money Makeover, Revised 3rd Edition** by Dave Ramsey. Dave’s teaching is condensed into seven organized, easy-to-follow steps that will lead you out of debt and into a Total Money Makeover (available at LifeWay).
- **Financial Peace Revisited** by Dave Ramsey. In Dave’s bestseller, you will discover the lessons he learned the hard way and not only understand what to do but why it is so important to take control of your money and your life.
- **The Treasure Principle** by Randy Alcorn.
- **From Success to Significance: When the Pursuit of Success Isn’t Enough** by Lloyd Reeb.
- **Money Matters for Teens** by Larry Burkett & Todd Temple. This is a great book to read with your 11-14-year-old children.

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BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

- GOD RESTED:** Genesis 2:2-3
- WIDOW'S MITE:** Mark 12:41-44
- TITHING:** Leviticus 27: 30-32
- GOOD SAMARITAN:** Luke 10:30-37
- PARABLE OF TALENTS:** Matthew 25:15-30
- GIVE AS BLESSED:** Deuteronomy 16:17
- ABUNDANCE:** Luke 12:15
- FIRST THINGS FIRST:** Matthew 6:31-34
- TREASURES IN HEAVEN:** Matthew 6:20
- RICHES:** Mark 10:17-25
- FREELY GIVEN, FREELY GIVE:** Matthew 10:8
- FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP:** Luke 16
- OFFER YOURSELF TO GOD:** Romans 12:1
- GOD'S BLESSING:** Malachi 3:10-12
- GENEROSITY:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-12
- ZACCHAEUS:** Luke 19:1-10

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