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# Stewardship: A Life Devoted to Serving God

## Session 1: Definition, Origin and Principles

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## *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

"Now this [is] the commandment, [and these are] the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe [them] in the land which you are crossing over to possess, "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe [it], that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--'a land flowing with milk and honey.' "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD [is] one! **"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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- **Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**
- **1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.**
- **1 Cor 7:23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.**
- **1 Cor 4:1-2 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.**



# Definition

- the position and duties of a steward, a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially by managing property, financial affairs, an estate, etc.
- the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving



# Stewardship Topics

- Definition, Origin and Principles
- Spiritual
- Personal Holiness
- Families
- Work and Finances
- Physical, Time, and Outreach



# Origin – For Whom Are We Stewards?

- Begins with the understanding of God's ownership of all things



# Origin – Why Are We Stewards?

- Revelation 22:13 – Alpha/Omega
- Psalm 24:1 – ownership of all
- Deuteronomy 10:14 – ownership of heavens and earth
- Leviticus 25:23 – land not sold permanently (Israel)
- Job 41:11 – no claims against God – owns everything
- 1 Chron 29:11-12 – God reigns over all things.
- Hebrews 1:1-3 – made all things and upholds all things



# Principles

- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Reward



# Principles – Responsibility

- Exercising our God-given dominion over His creation, reflecting the image of our creator God in His care, responsibility, maintenance, protection, and beautification of His creation.
- Proper care of the obligations He has given us
- Proper care of our spiritual and physical needs
- Proper use of the gifts He has given in the measure given. - Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)



# Principles – Accountability

- Matthew 25:26-30 – God will give more greatly to those who are living for His kingdom
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 – judgment of the Christian based on obedience to Jesus



# Principles – Reward

- Colossians 3:23-24 – receiving the inheritance of heaven as a follower of Jesus
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 – judgment of the Christian based on obedience to Jesus