


Stewardship:
A Life Devoted
to Serving God

Session 7: The Grind, The Gold and
Giving in the Name of God

Stewardship: The Grind

8,736 hours in a year.

Presumption: 40 hour work week; two weeks vacation; 3 hours per day in prep and travel.

55 hours per week: 2,750 hours per year.

32% of your time to earn a living.

Most households require two incomes so an additional 26% if there is 30 hours of part time work.

29% of your combined annual life is preparing for and doing your work.

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Biblical Basis for

Work

Spending, Saving and Debt

Generosity

Stewardship: The Grind

Genesis 2:5, 8, 15

5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and [there was] no man to till the ground;

8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Stewardship: The Grind

Gen 3:17-19

*Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "**Cursed [is] the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat [of] it All the days of your life.** Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you [are], And to dust you shall return."*

Stewardship: The Grind – Our Obligation

Colossians 3:22-25

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Stewardship: The Grind – Ethical Considerations

Examples in the Bible

- Joseph (Exodus)
- Daniel (Exodus)
- Nehemiah (Exodus)

Stewardship: The Gold: Spending

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Stewardship: The Gold: Spending

Hebrews 13:5

[Let your] conduct [be] without covetousness; [be] content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Stewardship: The Gold: Spending

Luke 12:15

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Stewardship: The Gold: Debt

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower [is] servant to the lender.

Romans 13:7

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes [are due], customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Psalms 37:21

The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

Stewardship: The Gold: Debt

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Stewardship: The Gold: Saving

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth [gained by] dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

Proverbs 21:5, 20

The plans of the diligent [lead] surely to plenty, but [those of] everyone [who is] hasty, surely to poverty. ... [There is] desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it.

Stewardship: The Gold: Saving

Matthew 6:25-34

..."But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day [is] its own trouble.

Stewardship: Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Stewardship: Generosity

Luke 21:1-4

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; "for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Stewardship: Generosity

Psalm 41:1-3

Blessed [is] he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, [And] he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed

Stewardship: Generosity

Proverbs 11:24-25

There is [one] who scatters, yet increases more; And there is [one] who withholds more than is right, But it [leads] to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.

Stewardship: Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

For if there is first a willing mind, [it is] accepted according to what one has, [and] not according to what he does not have. For [I do] not [mean] that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, [that] now at this time your abundance [may supply] their lack, that their abundance also may [supply] your lack--that there may be equality. As it is written, "He who [gathered] much had nothing left over, and he who [gathered] little had no lack."

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