

Discipleship Lesson #10

(Stewardship)

- _____ 1. Read and complete material on “Stewardship”.
- _____ 2. Answer questions on “Witnessing” and write a one minute testimony.
- _____ 4. Memorize **Psalms 90:3-4,10**.

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Psalms 90:10: The length of our days is seventy years- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

- _____ 5. Review the names of the Old Testament Books.
- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
 - Joshua, Judges, Ruth
 - 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles
 - Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
 - Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
 - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
 - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

- _____ 6. Outline the Pastor's Sunday sermon.
- _____ 7. Write out your personal goals, budget and plan to develop talents (See page 9)

It is important to recognize that every good thing we have has been given to us by God. Therefore, God wants us to take care of it. A disciple is one who desires to be a good steward of what God has given to him. In this lesson we will learn what a steward is and see how he is progressing in his stewardship.

1. What is a steward? (look up in dictionary)
2. What are the qualities of a good steward? (Luke 12:42, 1 Corinthians 4:2)
3. What has God given you to preside over as a steward?
4. Do you have a plan to be a steward of these areas?

Which ones?

Now let's study the scriptures to see what God teaches in each area and then set a plan to grow in these areas.

5. If we are to be successful, we must plan properly! Study Proverbs 24:3-4 in the Living Bible. What principles do you discover you must use in planning?

Gifts and Talents

1. What has God given each of His children? [Ephesians 4:4-11](#)

2. What does God want us to do with these gifts?

3. List the gifts and talents you think you have.

4. How do you plan to use and develop them for the Lord?

Gift

Gift

Talent

Money

1. What is a natural way to feel about our money and possessions?
2. From what source does everyone's material possessions come? (Deuteronomy 8:18, 1 Chronicles 29:12)
3. What are the results of a strong desire for money? (1 Timothy 6:9-10)
4. What principles underlie New Testament giving? (2 Corinthians 8:9 and 9:8)

How to Give

God's people in Old Testament days gave from 10 to 20 percent of their income in tithes and offerings. How should we give under New Testament standards?

5. Examine these verses: **Exodus 25:2,35:21,29; 1 Chronicles 29:9; 2 Corinthians 9:7.**
 - a. What quality in our giving is important to God?

 - b. What kind of giving is not commendable? (**2 Corinthians 9:7**)

6. We find some guidelines for giving in **1 Corinthians 16:2**
 - a. How many are encouraged to give?

 - b. Were the Corinthians instructed to put aside their gifts at regular or irregular times?

 - c. How were they to determine how much to give?

7. How can we honor the Lord? (**Proverbs 3:9**)

8. **2 Corinthians 9:6** says it is wise to give how?

9. Of what can the liberal giver be assured? (**Luke 6:38**)

10. The reward of giving can be lost by: (Underline the correct answer. See **Matthew 6:1-4**)

- a. Giving to those who don't ask for help
- b. Giving to impress others
- c. Giving alms thoughtlessly Why?

11. To whom should we give?

- a. **1 Corinthians 9:7-11**
- b. **Galatians 6:6**
- c. **Proverbs 19:17**
- d. **James 2:15-16**
- e. **Malachi 3:10**

A regular plan for giving has been found by many to be both scriptural and practical. Planning ensures against irregular or unwise giving, or neglect. In a day when so many demands are made upon our time, and so many giving opportunities are presented, planned giving helps us honor the Lord with our possessions. The plan should include these steps:

1. Thoughtfully decide what percentage of your income you will give to the Lord, a minimum below which you will not go (starting with a 10% tithe is best).
2. Set aside the Lord's portion first when ever you receive money. Put this aside to be used as He leads; once set aside it is His and shouldn't be dipped into for personal needs — even to borrow.
3. Prayerfully distribute the Lord's money as He directs. It is usually good to do this at a regular time - weekly or monthly.

12. What promises are given to those who give to the Lord's work?

Philippians 4:15-19

13. What is the most encouraging promise in this chapter to believe and pray about?

Time

What would you do if you were given a daily bank account of \$186,000? What is not used you can't retrieve. You DO have such an account! Every day God gives you 186,000 little diamonds called seconds. What will you do with them?

Goals and Objectives of Your Personal Life

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God”. (Philippians 1:9-11)

14. Personal Goals and Objectives

- a. In order to see God use you to the maximum this year, what areas of your life and ministry need to be changed? What are your goals and objectives for this year?

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. “To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me”. (Colossians 1:28-29)

- b. Ask yourself these questions:
 1. Right now, why am I doing what I'm doing? What is my purpose?
 2. Does my purpose coincide with the Lord's purpose?
 3. What can I visualize taking place as my purpose is being fulfilled?
 4. What are my faith goals that when reached will enable me to fulfill my purpose? (e.g. What can you believe God for? What can He do in and through you that can only be explained by His supernatural intervention in your life?) Now, complete your Person Goals and Objectives sheet.

15. Your Personal Development Plan

This Personal Development Plan is intended to fulfill several purposes in your life:

- a. It helps you see where you are in your growth and development.
- b. It enables you to become aware of areas of strength and non-strength in your life.
- c. You can recognize areas in which you need to work and develop.
- d. It will help you set realistic **Faith Targets** (Goals) that you can aim at in the Lord's strength.

Remember, God has given you gifts and abilities in order to glorify Him. You have things you do well and are good at; things you enjoy doing and have accomplished.

These are most likely your strengths and those which God will build your life and ministry on. The Holy Spirit will also reveal non-strength areas that need development and should be strengthened so as to not hinder your effectiveness for Him.

Refer to your Goals and Objectives.

16. Your Ministry

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

- a. What does the scripture say about our time usage? **Ephesians 5:15-16**
- b. **Psalm 90:3,4,10**

Personal Goals and Objectives

Area of your life	Objective	Goals	Plan to accomplish Goals
Intellectual			
Physical			
Spiritual			
Social			
Family			
Financial			