

FAITH, FINANCES, AND A FRESH START

Lesson One • Proverbs 3:9-10

Questions & Answers About Stewardship

If You Want a Fresh Start in Your Finances...

It begins and ends with FAITH in God!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

What Is "Stewardship"?

Stewardship is the MANAGEMENT of my God-given resources for God's glory, other people's good, and my joy.

Questions & Answers About Stewardship:

1. What Is the PURPOSE of My Stewardship?

The Purpose of My Stewardship Is...

To HONOR the Lord.

2. What Is the PRODUCT of My Stewardship?

The Product of My Stewardship Is...

Specifically my God-given MATERIAL and MONETARY resources.

3. What Is the PRIORITY of My Stewardship?

The Priority of My Stewardship Is...

To honor the Lord with the "FIRSTFRUITS" of the resources God entrusts to me.

Honoring the Lord with the Firstfruits...

- Is a way of expressing GRATITUDE to God for His gracious provisions. *Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 9-11*
- Is a way of TRUSTING God with all your heart, even when it may not make financial sense. *Proverbs 3:5*
- It is a way of ACKNOWLEDGING that God is the owner of all my resources and I am the manager. *Deuteronomy 8:17-18 Proverbs 3:6*

4. What Is the PROMISE of My Stewardship?

The Promise of My Stewardship Is...

If we will GIVE properly, God will BLESS us abundantly.

Key Question: Will I TRUST God?

Will I demonstrate my trust in God by giving the "firstfruits" of my income to the Lord through my church?

- "I am already giving, and I will keep on trusting God."
- "I used to give, and I will start giving again."
- "I am willing to trust God, and I'll try giving for six months."
- "I am not yet willing to trust God by giving."