



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE SERIES

No matter how you frame it, biblical stewardship runs against the grain of our culture. It challenges our assumptions about scarcity, ownership and consumption, and turns our personal agendas upside down. Most of us are painfully aware that our way isn't working. Our way leads to anxiety, envy, exhaustion, discontent and debt. We long for a different way of living, and God provides it in stewardship. In this series we'll lay out the basics and invite you to step onto a path that leads to peace, freedom, joy and abundance.

September 11: Blessed to be a Blessing!

GENESIS 12:1-3; MATTHEW 18:21-35

Stewardship is God's call on our lives. We've been blessed through God's abundance to be a blessing to others. God's extravagance of forgiveness, love, time, skills and resources are given not only for our joy, but to be willingly and joyfully deployed for God's mission and ministry.

September 18: It Isn't Fair! Isn't that Great?

PHILIPPIANS 4:10-14; MATTHEW 20:1-16

None of us gets what we deserve, and that's good news! In a culture that encourages a deep sense of competitiveness and entitlement, disciples are called to regard the abundance in our lives with deep gratitude, and to learn contentment.

September 25: What Do We Do with What We've Been Given?

DEUTERONOMY 24:19-22; 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-15

If we've been blessed to be a blessing, then each of us, and all of us together, are called to manage and spend what we have in ways that align with God's purposes. To the world, this sounds like a world of suffering, but disciples see it as a joyful endeavor.
