

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of November 2018

Principles of Stewardship

Sunday, November 4, 2018

It is often said, “God’s people given the facts, will normally do the right thing.” However, in contrast, to assume right will prevail without facts is misleading. The Christian faith is built upon facts, testimonies and witnesses. Therefore, every subject, every biblical principle should be presented to the people of God without unnecessary rhetoric, overused verbiage or unexplained jargon.

In this lesson, we want to look at just the facts concerning Christian stewardship in the area of giving. One of the most neglected areas of preaching and teaching in the church today is that of giving. The facts are still there for the saints of today. Every saint knows his/her responsibility to share the financial load of their local church. Consequently, he/she ought to want to know several things:

- What does God expect of me?
- What keeps me from obeying?
- What tools can I use to get started?
- What results can I expect?

I. What is it that God Expects of Me?

a. Faithful Steward

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2) His Lord said unto him, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord” His Lord said unto him, “Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things: enter into the joy of thy Lord.” (Matthew 25:21,23)

b. Occupy till he comes again (Luke 19:12-13)

c. Trust supernaturally (Malachi 3:10, Psalms 37:3-5, 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, Hebrews 10:23)

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II. What Keeps Me from Obeying?

- a. Being a lazy, slothful, irresponsible steward. (Proverbs 19:24; 18:9; 10:4; 19:15)
- b. Financial Bondage (Financial Junkyard)
 - Severe Debt
(Credit Card abuse and misuse)
(Keeping up with the Jones')
(Proverbs 22:7; Romans 13:8a)
 - Household messed up
(Roles reversed)
(Living without a budget)
 - Spending unwisely
(Impulsive buying)
(Buying not according to needs, but lustful desires)
 - Living from paycheck to paycheck
(Proverbs 21:20)

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III. What Tools Can I Use to Start?

- a. Seek to become free! (free your money)
 - Sit down, shut up, and settle the difference (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
 - Acknowledge it's not your money (Psalms 24:1; Psalms 50:10; Haggai 2:8; Matthew 25:15)
- b. Settle attitude toward giving. (Invest in the Kingdom) (Luke 6:38)
 - Understand why you give (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)
 - Understand when you give (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
 - Understand how much to give (1 Corinthians 16:2)

c. Start Giving! (Proverbs 11:24-25)

- Begin with the tithe and offering (Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Begin to give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)
- Pay yourself (Proverbs 13:22; 21:20)
- Pay your debt (Proverbs 22:7; Romans 13:3a; Psalms 37:21)
- Budget your income (Proverbs 15:16; Luke 14:28; Proverbs 10:4)
- Be honest with your creditors (Psalms 37:21)
- Make Wise Investments

IV. What Results Can I Expect?

- a. Blessings (Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:24-26; Proverbs 10:22)
- b. Joy with the Master (Matthew 25:21, 23)