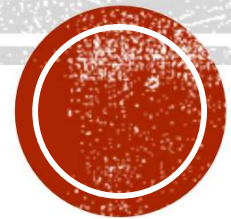


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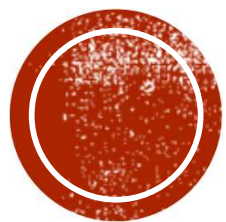
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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Review Biblical Principle of Stewardship.
- Identify and Discuss the Biblically expressed Components of Gods Financial Plan for Success.
- Q & A





STEWARDSHIP CONSIDERATIONS



GOD IS THE ORIGIN OF ALL THINGS

JOHN 1:3(KJV)

- **3 All things were **made** by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**



GOD IS THE OWNER OF ALL THINGS

PSALM 24:1 (KJV)

- **24 The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.**
- This is confirmed in both Old & New Testament Scripture
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:46



COLOSSIANS 1:16 (KJV)

GOD DETERMINES THE PURPOSE AND IS THE BENEFACTOR OF ALL THINGS

- For by **him** were **all things created**, that are in heaven (Spiritual Realm), and that are in earth (Natural Realm), visible and invisible (seen or unseen), whether they be thrones (earthly ruler ship), or dominions (deleated earthly authority), or principalities (spiritual ruler ship) , or powers (spiritual authority): all things were **created** by him, **and for him:**



STEWARDSHIP DEFINED

■ **Stewardship** is living a lifestyle based upon an understanding of God's provision in all areas, and includes the appropriation of those provision back to God for His work through a direct relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord, and in accordance with His Decree, which is the Word, that He (God) is glorified



THE STEWARDSHIP DEBATE

- The **Stewardship Debate** is what ensues when we fail to acknowledge God's Ownership, Origin, and Purpose, for what he has provided to assist us in living His determined life for us.
- Simply stated, when we attempt to function as Lords over God's Blessedness.



THE STEWARDSHIP DEBATE *IS SETTLED BY*
CONFIRMING WHO OR WHAT YOU SERVE

■ **Select a Master:**

Matthew 6:24(KJV)

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”



“MANY PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH CONFESS TO LOVE GOD BUT TEND TO HOLD MAMMON. AND WHEN THE GOD THEY SAY THEY LOVE PLACES A DEMAND ON THE MAMMON, THEY DESPISE GOD, WHICH REVEALS THEIR HATRED FOR HIM.”



STEWARDSHIP IS A MATTER OF HOW YOU “LOVE & HOLD”

Love & Hold to God with Despise & Hatred for Mammon	Love & Hold to Mammon With Despise & Hatred for God
<u>Matthew 6:19-21</u> “Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where Thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: <u>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”</u>	<u>1 Timothy 6:10</u> “For the <u>love of money</u> is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” 

3 TYPES OF GIVING IN GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN

- **Tithing**
- **Offerings (Seed)**
- **Firstfruits**



THE TITHE (TITHING)

- **An Act of Honor (Hebrews 7:1-7)**
- **Belongs to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30)**
- **Can be stolen (Malachi 3:8-10)**



TWO TYPES OF ROBBERY

- **Tithe**

- **Offering**

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? **In tithes and offerings.**

Malachi 3:8



OFFERINGS (SEED GIVING)

- We must master sowing as to not commit robbery against God.
- Sowing is an Art. (**Luke 8:5-8**)
- Sowing Demonstrates Stewardship (**Matthew 25:14-45**)
- Produces incremental increase harvest.



FIRST FRUIT GIVING

- Giving of Increase (**Deuteronomy 18:3-5**)
- Is a giving in Honor (**Proverbs 3:9-10**)
- Is Above and Beyond Giving
- Perpetuates Abundance in your Life.



MAKING MONEY-MASTERY YOUR MINISTRY

- **2 Corinthians 9:7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a **cheerful giver**.
- **Acts 20:35** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is **more blessed to give** than to receive.

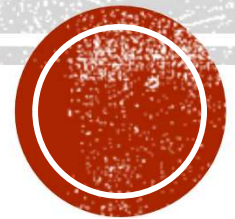


A CHURCH DEPENDING ON GOD “FINANCIALLY”.

Lesson 4

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LESSON FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:

PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19

- ¹⁵ Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
- ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
- ¹⁷ Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
- ¹⁸ But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
- ¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



WHY THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY DEPENDS ON GOD

- A church depends financially on God because:
 - The church belongs to Him, not to its members.
 - While God often provides through the generosity, service, and stewardship of His people, the ultimate source of every resource is **God Himself**.



THREE WAYS A CHURCH FINANCIALLY DEPENDS ON GOD.

- 1. **Accepting God Is the Owner**
 - Everything belongs to God, including **money**, **property**, and **opportunities**.
 - The church is entrusted with His resources and **must** use them faithfully.
- 2. **Accepting God Is the Provider**
 - God provides through **offerings**, **donations**, **volunteers**, and **unexpected blessings**.
 - Churches should work diligently and steward resources wisely, while trusting God to supply what is needed for ministry.
- 3. **Allowing God to Guides Financial Decisions**
 - **Prayer should precede** budgets, projects, and major expenses.
 - Financial planning is important, ***but dependence on God means seeking His direction rather than relying solely on human calculations.***



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- A financially healthy church combines faith and stewardship.
 - It Prays for God's provision.
 - Manages resources responsibly,
 - Teaches generosity, and
 - Trusts that God will sustain the mission *He has called the church to fulfill.*



FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE ON GOD DEMONSTRATED.

1. Pray First, Plan second. – **James 1:5**
(Seek God's Direction before making financial decisions.)
2. Budget Wisely as Faithful Stewards – **Luke 14:28**
(Plan carefully while recognizing that resources belong to God.)
3. Trust God as Ultimate Provider. – **Philippians 4:19**
(Depend on God rather than fear or financial pressure.)
4. Encourage cheerful generosity. – **2 Corinthians 9:7**
(Teach giving as an act of worship and faith.)
5. Remain Faithful in both abundance and scarcity. – **Matthew 6:33**
(Continue the mission God has given regardless of circumstances.)

