

Stewardship (Part 4)

The Disciplined Use of Money

The Biblical Concept of Provision

1 Timothy 5:8

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Also See **Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 6:25-34**

The Dangers of Money

Matthew 19:23-25

And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."²⁵ When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

1 Tim. 6:6-11

But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain *when* accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it, either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God...

Other Arenas of Stewardship

- **Your Brother & Sister**

Genesis 4:9

Afterward the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother? Where is Abel?" "I don't know," Cain responded. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

(Also See **1 Cor. 8:9-13; Romans 14:20-22**)

- **Your Spouse**

(See **Ephesians 4:21-33**)

- **Your Children**

- Protecting their eyes and ears

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

- Instilling a love of God and goodness (**Deut. 6:6-7, 20-25; Phil. 4:8**)
- Teaching gently with patience and love (**James 1:5**)
- Training (Discipline) and Modeling with self-control (**Col. 3:21**)

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers (Parents), do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

- **The Earth & Environment**

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

Practical Application of the Discipline or Stewardship