

STEWARDSHIP BIBLE PASSAGES:

God Creates Humankind – Genesis 1:26-31 (“Dominion Over the Earth”)

Offerings for the Tabernacle – Exodus 35:20-29 (Freewill Giving of Talents and Treasures)

Tithes – Leviticus 27:30-33 (Our Tithe is Holy to the Lord)

The Widow of Zarephath – 1 Kings 17:8-16 (God’s Abundant Provision)

The Greatest Commandment – Matthew 22:34-40 (Love God, Love Neighbor)

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants – Matthew 21:33-41 (Rebellious Stewardship)

The Rich Young Man – Mark 10:17-27 (Attachment to Possessions)
(also Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 18:18-30)

The Widow’s Offering – Mark 12:41-44 (Sacrificial Giving)

Love Your Enemies – Luke 6:32-38 (“Give and it will be Given”)

The Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 12:13-21 (Rich in Possessions vs. Rich in God)

Do Not Worry – Luke 12:22-34 (Where Your Treasure is There Also is your Heart)

The Believers Share Their Possessions – Acts 4:32-35 (All had Enough)

Paul’s Plan to Visit Rome – Romans 15:25b-33 (The Collection for Jerusalem, see also 1 Cor 16)

The Collection for Jerusalem – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (“Who Sows Sparingly, Reaps Sparingly”)

From Death to Life – Ephesians 2:1-10 (Created for Good Works)

Other Stewardship References:

Stewards of the vineyard owned by God:

Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

Parable of the Laborers (Matthew 20:1-16)

Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)

Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Matthew 21:33-44; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19)

Tithing the fruits of our labor to God via temple collection (Numbers 18:24-29, Deut. 14:22-29)

Tithing as a thanksgiving to God for the blessings we receive from God (Genesis 14:20).

Tending the natural resources of creation given to our care (Genesis 1:29, Leviticus 25:1-12)

Providing for the common life of the church (Acts 2:44-47)

Forgiveness of debt (Leviticus 25) and lending without gain (Luke 6:30-36).

Other Bible passages related to Stewardship:

Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.”

Proverbs 22:2 “The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.”

1 Corinthians 4:2 “It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy”

Galatians 5:22 (the Fruit of the Spirit includes “self-control,” part of good stewardship)

Isaiah 55:1-13 (the abundant life of the covenant with God)

Mark 6:7-11 (and Luke 9:1-5)

(Jesus sends out the disciples with “no bread, no bag, no money in their belts”)

Matthew 22:15-22

(‘pay to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s’—but all is God’s!)

Matthew 26:6-13 (and Mark 14:3-9)

(Woman anoints Jesus with costly perfume; Judas objects, but Jesus affirms)

Warnings against the rich:

1 Timothy 6:5b-12, 17-19 (“...the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains...” The responsibilities of the rich.)

Luke 3:9b-14 (John the Baptist advises tax collectors and soldiers on stewardship “...be content with your wages...”)

Acts 16:16-23 (Paul & Silas deliver a girl from a spirit, but this impacts the profits of her masters)

Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the Dishonest Steward “...you cannot serve God and wealth...”)

Luke 16:19-31 (Parable of the rich man and Lazarus)

Hebrews 13:5-6 (be content with what you have)

2 Samuel 12:1-13

(Nathan’s parable against David: issues of money, power and abuse of the poor)

See also Proverbs 22:16 and James 5:1-8

James 4:13-16 (arrogance in business and moneymaking)

Proverbs warning against wealth or the love of money or pleasures:

21:17 “whoever loves pleasure will suffer want; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.”

23:4 “do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist.”

22:7 “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.”

22:16 “Oppressing the poor in order to enrich oneself, and giving to the rich, will lead only to loss.”

28:6 “Better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be crooked in one’s ways even though rich.”

28:11 “The rich is wise in self-esteem, but an intelligent poor person sees through the pose.

28:22 “The miser is in a hurry to get rich and does not know that loss is sure to come.

11:4 “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

11:28 “Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

Eccl.5:10 “The lover of money will not be satisfied with money, nor the lover of wealth with gain.”