

Stewardship Principles

Principles That Make a Difference

REVIEW:

Stewardship.....a definition

the proper management of my life including my time, talents, and possessions, in order to glorify God and advance His work on earth

Principle #1 God is the owner; I am the steward.

PRINCIPLE #2 GIVING IS A MATTER OF THE HEART.

- Jesus talked about money in 16 of 38 parables.
- The Bible devotes 500 verses on prayer; less than 500 verses on faith; but over 2,000 verses on money and possessions!
- Giving is a spiritual issue; it's a matter of the heart.
- It is not how much you have that determines your giving, it is how much God has of you!

The Lord Jesus Taught This Principle In Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 6:19-21 => WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR MONEY IS AN INDICATION OF WHERE YOUR HEART IS.

Two commands.....

1. **“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth”**

Stop laying up earthly treasures!

- “for yourselves” - to have one's own interest or advantage in mind.
- Treasures hoarded on earth have no lasting or eternal value.
- It may be destroyed by moths or rust, or stolen by thieves.

2. **“But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven.”**

- How do I lay up treasure in heaven? = Matthew 19:21; I Timothy 6:17-19
- It's a lasting investment!
- It will also be for your benefit.

the reason for the two commands.....

Where my treasure is, there you will find my heart!

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES:

1. Giving is a matter of the heart!
2. Where your treasure is there will be your heart.
3. Lay up treasure in heaven by sharing it on earth.