

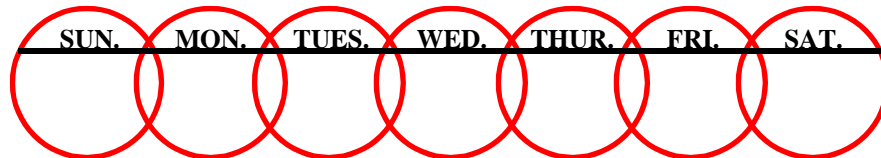
**DISCIPLESHIP
ASSIGNMENT FOR APPOINTMENT #10
Stewardship**

1. Read the book of James as outlined:

1st day:	Faith Tested	James 1:1-21
2nd day:	Faith Lived Out	James 1:22-27
3rd day:	Faith and Brotherhood	James 2:1-13
4th day:	Faith Dead Without Works	James 2:14-26
5th day:	Faith and Tongue Control	James 3:1 -18
6th day:	Faith Rebukes Worldliness	James 4:1-17
7th day:	Faith in Prayer	James 5:1-20

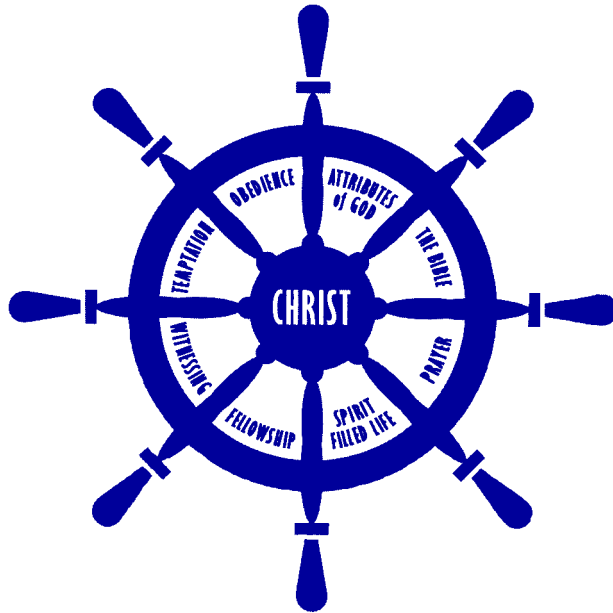
2. Read and complete the material on "Stewardship."
3. Memorize 1 Chronicles 29:11.
4. Memorize the prophetic books of the Old Testament (Isaiah - Malachi).
5. Read the booklet, "How You Can Experience The Adventure of Giving."
6. Take notes on the Pastor's Sunday Sermon.

Check daily progress below:



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STEWARDSHIP



The Dictionary defines "steward" as a "manager or superintendent of another's resources." We are stewards of all that God possesses, and His possessions include our money, our talents, our minds, our bodies, and even our time. God requires that we be found faithful in our stewardship of these resources (cf. 1 Cor. 4:2).

God owns everything and is the creator and sustainer of the universe. Read 1 Chronicles 29:11 and Colossians 1:15-18.

A Christian who exercises stewardship is one who realizes that as Christians "we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28) in Christ. He or she recognizes God as their preeminent master, and lives for Him (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12-1). The whole of the Christian's life - personality, time, talent, training, material substance, everything - is dedicated to Christ and will have to be accounted for before God. (Romans 14:12).

Our use of our time, talent, training and treasure, clearly shows our spiritual commitment because we invest in what our heart values most.

God has made each Christian a steward and, He has given us abilities, talents and training that are unique for each of us to use in building the kingdom of God. God has a special place for every Christian to make a difference in our world. To begin to experience both the joy and the responsibilities of our stewardship we need to understand:

I. THE OWNERSHIP OF GOD OUR FATHER AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

1. What does the psalmist say about the ownership of God? (see Psalm 24: 1)

2. God's ownership is eternal and unchanging. He never has given up this right - and never will. For whom was the world created? (Colossians 1:15-18)

When we recognize that God owns everything, including us and all that we have, we can begin the adventure of living under His Lordship. The whole of our life - our personality, influence, material substance, everything - is His, even our successes.

“God has placed in our trust a measure of time, unique talents, and sufficient treasure to carry out His will for our lives. Our task as faithful stewards is to manage those blessings to bring the maximum glory to His name.” - Bill Bright, Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ

3. Read Isaiah 48:17-19. What blessings would you lose by going your own way and failing to recognize God's ownership? _____

God does own us — every bit of our time, talents, training and treasure. Scripture tells us that Christ dies for us, “that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” (2 Corinthians 5:15, NIV) To not acknowledge and act upon God’s total ownership of everything we are, have or hope to be is to rob ourselves of His blessing and make ourselves unfit for His service and use. (2 Timothy 2:19).

4. Many people attempt to compromise and give God less than full allegiance. How does God regard that practice in Matthew 12:30? (cf. Job 9:1-5)

5. How did Jesus describe His attitude toward those who will stand neither for nor against Him in Revelation, 3: 15-20? _____

6. What then is to be our response to God? (Romans 12:1-2) _____

7. What logical choice did Elijah present to the people? (1 Kings 18:21) _____

If Elijah's logic is true, we must take one of two positions. If we determine Jesus Christ is Lord and God, we must serve Him loyally. If He is not, Christianity is obviously a hoax, and we should dissuade men from being Christians. But it is one or the other! We must stand either with Christ or against Him, but never try to stand in between with a divided heart.

A LIFE APPLICATION

1. What do you think God will do with your life if you surrender it all to Him?

2. Are you conscious of something in your life which you have not surrendered to the control of your heavenly Father? [yes / no] What is it and how will you now deal with it?

3. How much of your life are you willing for God to control (Remember, He is all wise and loves you with a perfect love)?

4. How is it that some may accomplish more than others in the same amount of time?

5. What changes will you make in the way you use your time?

II. THE OWNERSHIP OF GOD THE FATHER AND OUR RESPONSE

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What should be combined with godly character?

2. Define contentment. _____

3. What is the temptation that we are commanded to avoid? _____

4. Discuss how the quest for financial gain can cause people to "pierce themselves with many griefs." (1 Timothy 6:10 NIV).

“We may not think that this charge applies to us, but it does. After all, our standard of living today would certainly make us ‘rich’ in the eyes of Timothy’s congregation!” (Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol 2, page 237-38)

5. Read I Timothy 6:17- 19. According to these verses, who should we trust and what should we do? _____
