

**Five Focus Ministry**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church**

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**Stewardship is our  
response to God's  
love. (John 3:16)**

**Abram, after he had been blessed by the Lord, gave a tenth of everything to Melchizedak, the Prince of Salem. (Gen. 14:20)**

**Tithing is one of the  
elements of  
Stewardship; but tithing  
is not all to  
Stewardship.**

# Stewardship Involves:

- Temple – Romans 12:1
- Time – Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Talent – Ecclesiastes 9:10

# Stewardship Involves:

- Tithing – 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Testimony – Psalm 107:2

**I. Stewardship is the attention to duty we have. Giving is the action of our duty. Generosity is the attitude. (2 Cor. 9:6-7)**

**A Steward is a  
respected person of  
integrity entrusted with  
the Master's  
possessions.**



# Stewardship Denotes that God:

- Sees me as a respectful person
- Trusts me to manage everything given to me

# Stewardship Denotes that God:

- Expects my department to be of integrity
- Wants my life to depict that all I have is God's

## **II. Examples of Stewardship**

### **A. Dangerous Stewardship**

- i. Luke 12:15-21 – No credit to God; no thought to His duty.**

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- ii. Revelations 3:14-17 –  
Church in Laodicea saw  
material blessings as a sign  
of right relationship with  
God.**

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## **B. Healthy Stewardship**

- i. The early church –  
Acts 2:42-47 – they lived  
of the culture of  
Stewardship**

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- i. The early church –**
  - They Sold**
  - They Gave**
  - They Met Needs**

# **III. Stewardship is About:**

**A. The Heart – Mark 14:3-9 –  
God our Priority**

**B. The Sincerity of our Love –  
2 Corinthians 8:2 – Giving  
in hardship**

**Stewardship is NEVER  
for a cause, EXCEPT the  
cause of Christ.**



## **IV. Stewardship Teaching should not be avoided.**

- **Most churches hate the Pastor's Preaching; Teaching or talking about Stewardship. Most equal Stewardship to money all because...**

**-Some are in financial binds; they don't want to hear anything about money, because there is a desire to hide their financial struggles.**

**-Some are upset because it reminds them of the Christian obligation that they have no desire to meet.**

**-Some see it as a rebuke or judgement of their lack of faithfulness as it relates to Stewardship.**

**The Good News is Biblical  
Stewardship is not designed  
for the church as much as it is  
for the Christian. When  
Christians adhere to these  
principles, it helps them in...**

**-Practical Aspect – Save  
money in advanced for  
unexpected needs  
(Luke 10 -Good Samaritan)**

**- Emotional Aspect – Heart  
over rules the head.**

**- Spiritual Aspect – Align  
financial decisions with the  
wisdom found in the Word of  
God.**

# **V. Our Relationship with Stewardship effects our Fellowship with God.**

- **If the church doesn't teach and preach Biblical Stewardship, then people are left exposed to the teachings of the devil.**



**Matthew 6:24**

**– Who will we Serve?**

# One of the Saddest Stories in the Bible is Luke 18

- **The Rich Young Ruler**
  - Intelligent
  - Influential
  - Inquisitive

**Jesus said one thing is  
wrong – You value money  
over Me...**

**Go sell ALL and come.**

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