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**Stewardship**

# Week 7

**Class Overview**

**Week 1: Stewardship**

* Framing image: the parables of the talents (Matt 25).
* God owns everything; he gives us everything we have.
* We don’t own what we own; we’re his stewards.
* No stewardship means no faith!
* Faithful stewardship aims to glorify God.

**Week 2: Faithfulness**

* Working for faithfulness versus results.
* Pursuing profitable returns.

**Week 3: Generosity**

* Why should Christians give?
	+ To show how great God is.
	+ To show how much God has given us.
* What should we give? Everything!
* How should we give? (Periodic, Personal, Planned, Progressive, Plentiful).

**Week 4: Spending**

* How much do I spend? 🡪 need? 🡪 lifestyle?
* Choosing a lifestyle.
	+ Goal: 1 Cor. 10:31. Do *everything* to God’s glory.
	+ Trading off time, money, and relationships.
	+ Lifestyle should not necessarily follow income.
* Managing to a budget.

**Week 5: Debt & Savings**

* Making decisions about the future.
* Debt: mortgaging the future.
	+ Debt as a form of slavery.
	+ The wisdom of borrowing.
	+ Be able to unwind your obligations.
* Saving: enabling the future.
	+ The danger of hoarding.
	+ Budget your savings.

**Week 6: Materialism**

* Fighting Materialism
	+ How to rightly enjoy things (1 Tim. 4:1-5, 6:17).
	+ Have a big view of God and eternity (Ps. 73:25-26).
	+ Give generously.
* Fighting Fear
	+ By resting in God (Phil. 4:6-7, Heb. 13:5-6).
	+ With Action (budget, job, training, talk with others).

**Notes**