

The Benefits of Lifestyle Stewardship
Stewardship: The Missing Piece to Successful Living
Part 1
Luke 6:27-38
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²⁷“But I say to you, who hear; love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you.” ²⁹Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also. Whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹Treat others the same way you want them to treat you. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. ³⁶Be merciful just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn and you will not be condemned; pardon and you will be pardoned. ³⁸Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return”

--Luke 6:27-38 NASB

Four very quick observations:

1. This behavior is to be our _____.
2. This behavior sets us _____ from the world.
3. This behavior is _____ by our Heavenly Father.
4. This behavior will _____ many benefits.

Stewardship is the _____ of the resources that God has given you and me.

How do we develop a lifestyle of giving?

1. Totally give _____ to God.
2. Learn the _____ of biblically giving.
3. _____ those principles to our lives.

Number of times found in the Bible:

Belief: _____ verses.

Prayer: _____ verses.

Love: _____ verses.

Giving: _____ verses.

One thing is clear, both in the Old and the New Testament: God desires to bless us and provide us with the necessities of life.

Now, for God to take care of your physical needs, for God to take care of your financial needs, there are two things that you must do:

1. You must ask God to _____ your needs and to meet those needs. (Matthew 5:11)
2. If you and I are going to _____ what God has for us, we must be _____ in our giving.

There are several benefits of lifestyle giving and stewardship:

1. It puts material wealth into a _____ perspective. (Matthew 6:33)
2. It teaches us that giving should not be _____ from behavior. (Matthew 5:23-24)
3. It is a key _____ of spiritual commitment. (Luke 16:11)

“When a person is converted, three conversions are necessary: conversion of the head, conversion of the heart, and conversion of the purse. Of the three, the last is the hardest.” --Martin Luther

4. It protects against financial _____. (Matthew 6:24 NKJV)
5. It gives me victory over _____. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
6. It makes me _____. (Acts 20:35)
7. It _____ me in return. (Proverbs 22:9)

8. It's the _____ of my love. (2 Corinthians 8:8-9)
9. It will bring rightful _____ from God. (Mark 12:43)
10. It makes me more _____ God. (John 3:16)

“There are two kinds of people on earth today,
Just two kinds of people no more I say,
Not the good and the bad for it tis well-understood,
That the bad are half good and the good are half bad,
No, just two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.”

--Ella Wilcox