

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 19 – “The 7 Tests of Stewardship”

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Scripture Reading: 1 Corin. 4:1&2 **Supporting Text:** 1 Chron. 29:13-16

When God made Adam and Eve, He gave them dominion of the earth and the commission to _____ care of it. They lost dominion by not being good stewards in that they yielded to Satan’s _____ and _____ that which did not belong to them. But being a good steward means more than how we use *things* we “posses,” none of which is really ours. Stewardship also covers things that are not _____ in their essence, but just as real. Through the practice of good stewardship, we _____ of God’s goodness and grace and in so doing draw others to Him. So, what are these seven _____ of stewardship and how do we measure up? Let us _____ our eyes upon Jesus as we study His Word.

The Seven T’s of Christian Stewardship

1. _____ *1 Tim. 4:16; Prov. 23:23* 2. _____ *Exo 20:8-11; Eph 5:16*
 3. _____ *1 Jn 3:17; Mk 12:41-44* 4. _____ *1 Pet. 4:7-11; Rom 12:6*
 5. _____ *1 Cor 3:16&17* 6. _____ *Psa. 24:1&2; Rev.11:18*
 7. _____ *2 Cor. 1:3&4 & Revelation 12:11&17*
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Why does not every converted soul speak forth the praise of God? Why is it that the recipients of God's continual favors do not give more ready expression to their gratitude? Why is it that the heart is not pure, and filled with thankfulness to God? David says: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." "Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; . . . worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High." "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." "Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that fears (*i.e. reverences*) the Lord, that delights greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed."

– **The Review and Herald**, *November 13, 1894*

May we be stewards of all that God has given and bring glory to His name!