

Understanding Biblical Stewardship



Part 1: True Prosperity

Part 2: Setting the Foundation for Good Stewardship

Part 3: What the Bible Teaches about Giving

Part 4: Living a Biblical Lifestyle

STEWARDSHIP – Three Different Theological ‘Takes’:

- a. _____ Theology
- b. _____ Theology
- c. Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' ... 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Principles of Prosperity:

1. Prosperity is Not the Same as _____
2. Being a Good Steward Brings _____ (vs 21 & 23)
3. Prosperity is _____ with the Master (vs 15, *Philippians 4:11-13*)
4. The Key to Prosperity is _____ (vs 25)
5. Keep Your Eyes on _____ of Prosperity