

**XLVII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
LESSON FORTY-SEVEN
... STEWARDSHIP**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this lesson is to impress upon each of us that:

- all we have (our time, talents, treasures) are gifts from God;
- we are stewards, administrators, and not owners of that which we have in our possession;
- we need to learn, develop and put into action Biblical principles of good stewardship.

1 Peter 4:10, "As every one hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES

What do the following passages about stewardship?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Haggai 2:8

Genesis 2:15

1 Peter 4:10

Ephesians 5:1

John 9:4

Colossians 1:10

1 Thessalonians 1:3

1 Thessalonians 4:11

1 Timothy 5:13

Matthew 25:14-30

2 Corinthians 9:7

1 Corinthians 16:2

Genesis 14:18-20

Hebrews 7:2

Malachi 3:10

1 Corinthians 16:3

2 Corinthians 7:8

Luke 6:38

Conclusions: From the above Scriptures answer the following questions.

- 1. What is our position (job) as children of God?**
- 2. What are the three areas of our stewardship?**
 - 1. _____**
 - 2. _____**
 - 3. _____**
- 3. Since we are stewards (managers/administrators), who is the owner?**
- 4. How much belongs to Him?**

TITHING

From Malachi 3:10,11 answer these questions about tithing.

- 1. What is the tithe?**
- 2. Where does the tithe go?**
- 3. What is the purpose of the tithe?**
- 4. Are we to give offerings above the tithe?**
- 5. What can we expect if we give or our tithes and offerings?**

Note: In the next lesson "about money management" we will talk more about tithing.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Do you believe:

That you belong to God and that all you have likewise belongs to God?

YES ___ NO ___

That all your time, abilities and treasures (money, goods, possessions) belong to God?

YES ___ NO ___

That you are a caretaker, manager, administrator, steward but not the owner of them?

YES ___ NO ___

If your answer is yes to the above questions, what kind of steward are you over your:

Time

Talents (abilities)

Treasures

If your answer to the above questions is no, are you willing to allow God to change your mind?

YES ____ NO ____