



Foundations of Stewardship – Lesson #1

The Stewardship of Time

“...one of God’s objectives for the church is that we might allow Him to reproduce Himself in us **as good stewards of His abundant grace.**”

A steward is a manager, not an owner. He is one who manages the property of another. God is the owner and we are the managers of the various stewardships He has given. This includes the whole of life, of course. But to be good stewards of His grace, we must know the precise areas of stewardship for which God is holding us accountable.”

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A. Who We Are

1. We are mortal, therefore our time is _____.
- Psalm 39:4-6, Psalm 90:12, Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, Ecclesiastes 9:15, Isaiah 40:6-8

2. We are children of God, citizens of Heaven, therefore we spend our time as _____.
- Matthew 6:19-21, John 1:12-13, Philipians 3:17-21, 1 Peter 1:1-9, 1:17, 2:11-12

B. Where We Are

1. We are in a _____ world, so much of what appears valuable will not last.
- 1 John 2:16-17, 2 Peter 3:8-13, 1 Timothy 6:17, James 4:13-17, Luke 12:16-21

2. We are in a _____ and evil segment of history, so those who are of the light will not fit in unless we compromise who we are.
- Ephesians 5:1-18, Romans 13:11-14, 1 Peter 4:1-4, 1 Peter 5:8

C. Why We Are Here

1. As citizens of Heaven, we live in this world for a while as _____ of our Savior.
- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21, 1 Peter 4:7-9

2. God wants others to _____ in us one who has been blessed by Him.
- Galatians 6:10, Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Philippians 4:4-9, 1 Peter 4:10

3. God wants others to _____ from us the truth that can bless them.
- Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 4:5-6, 1 Peter 4:11