

## **“This Thing Called Stewardship”**

(Matthew 6:19-21)

Today begins a new journey. We are taking deliberate steps toward our September kick-off of Generation to Generation and a new church ministry year. This month we will look at all that God has entrusted to us and our responsibility and privilege to manage it for Him and His glory. We call that “stewardship.”

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21, NIV).*

*“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money” (Matthew 6:24, NIV).*

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV).*

*“How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law--justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things” (Matthew 23:23, NLT).*

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1, NIV).*

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10, NKJV).*