
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, October 9, 2016

“WHAT WILL YOU INVEST YOUR LIFE IN?”

(1 Peter 4:10-11)

It's Week 4 of our *Be the Church* Challenge. In the first church (Acts 2) they put their time, their talents, and their treasures together to do something powerful—something that has lasted from that day until now. They invested in eternal things, managing well what God had entrusted to them. How are doing as a steward of all God has entrusted to you?

The Four Basic Principles of Christian Stewardship

God owns _____ (Psalm 24:1, ESV).

Stewardship is a _____ (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, ESV).

Every believer is _____ **for that trust** (Luke 19:13, NASB).

Every believer will _____ **of his/her stewardship** (Romans 14:12, ESV).

1. We are accountable for our _____
(Ephesians 5:16, NASB).

2. We are accountable for our _____
(Matthew 12:36, NIV).

3. We are accountable for our _____
(1 Timothy 5:8, NIV).

4. We are accountable for our _____
(Genesis 1:28, NIV).

5. We are accountable for our _____
(Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

6. We are accountable for our _____
(1 Corinthians 3:16, NIV).

7. We are accountable for our _____
(Matthew 6:21, NIV).

8. We are accountable for _____
(1 Thessalonians 2:4, NIV).

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God owns all things – *“The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein”* (Psalm 24:1, ESV).

Stewardship is a sacred trust – *“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful”* (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, ESV).

Every believer is personally responsible for that trust – *“And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, ‘Do business with this until I come back.’”* (Luke 19:13, NASB).

Every believer will give account of his/her stewardship – *“And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager”* (Luke 16:2, ESV). *“So then each of us will give an account of himself to God”* (Romans 14:12, ESV).

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV).

“Each of us will give an account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12, NIV).

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2, NIV).

1. We are accountable for our time.

“Making the most of your time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16, NASB).

2. We are accountable for our words.

“But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken” (Matthew 12:36, NIV).

3. We are accountable for our family.

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8, NIV).

4. We are accountable for our work.

“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground’” (Genesis 1:28, NIV).

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23, NIV).

“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV).

5. We are accountable for our talents.

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

6. We are accountable for our body.

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16, NIV).

7. We are accountable for our material possessions.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, NIV).

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:10, NIV).

8. We are accountable for the gospel.

“We speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts” (1 Thessalonians 2:4, NIV).

“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible” (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, NIV).

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17, NIV).