

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. In the gospels, the Lord Jesus speaks of three topics more than any other—discipleship, eternity, and money. Consider why each of these would be major topics of our Lord.
2. Being a good steward is a lifestyle. Read Proverbs 3:27,28; 22:7, and Romans 13:7,8. What do these passages say about debt? How can debt be a hindrance in life and in serving the Lord? Prayer, planning, producing and paying are four ways to address debt. What specific steps can a person take to deal with debt in their life?
3. Read Philippians 4:10-13. What is contentment? How can it be related to the issue of question 2? How does Paul reflect the Lord in His view of material goods? What is Paul teaching us when he says, "I have learned to be content"? What passages and truths of Scripture help us develop contentment?
4. Stewardship is reflected through our use of time, talent and treasure. The Scripture calls us to use all three for Christ. Our use of time and talent is no substitute for the giving of our monetary resources to God and vice versa. As Solomon begins his counsel to his son in Proverbs, he gives the precept found in Proverbs 3:9,10. What are the commands in these verses and what are the promises? How does our response to these commands and promises reflect the depth of our faith?
5. The principles of stewardship are taught in Scripture. Read Malachi 3:8-12; 1 Corinthians 16:; and 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:1-12. Read these passages in both the Old and New Testament. Considering Malachi 3:8-12, why should our giving be even more than the saints of the Old Testament? What very practical statements does Paul make about our giving?
6. In conclusion, read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and turn it into a prayer of praise to Christ.

“Managing for God’s Best” (Selected Proverbs)

- I. Money is a _____ matter.
- II. Both _____ and _____ are tests.
- III. Materialism produces _____.
- IV. Diligence produces _____.
- V. Debt is _____.
- VI. Saving is a mark of _____.
- VII. Generosity is _____ and _____ by God.
 1. T _____
 2. O _____
 3. G _____