

God, Man, and Money

TEXT: Deut. 8:18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **ALL** THAT WE HAVE **BELONGS TO GOD** (**Psa. 24:1; Rom 14:8**).
- B. **STEWARDSHIP** IS THE WORD THAT FULLY EXPRESSES MAN'S RELATION TO GOD WHEN IT COMES TO **ALL** MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.

I. GOD'S OWNERSHIP (Psa. 24:1; 50:10-12).

- A. GOD CLAIMS **EVERYTHING** – WHY NOT? **CREATOR!**
- B. GOD HAS THE ADDED CLAIM OF **REDEMPTION** (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**).
 - 1. **Redeem** or **Ransom** – Look at the Price.
 - 2. What are we bought back from? (**Titus 2:14; Rom 6:23**).
 - 3. His ownership means redemption from death.
 - 4. **1 Cor. 6:19-20**.
- C. CONCERNING GOD'S OWNERSHIP, HE IS ...
 - 1. A **good** owner (**James 1:17-18**). Not despotic or tyrannical.
 - 2. A **wise** owner (**Job 42:1-2; Jer. 32:17; Rom 11:33-36**).
 - 3. A **generous** owner (**Mal. 3:10; Luke 6:38**).

II. MAN'S STEWARDSHIP (1 Cor. 4:1-2; Gal. 6:19-20).

- A. **STEWARDSHIP** MEANS **MANAGEMENT**.
“A trustee; a manager, an overseer.” “One who controls, occupies, supervises, seeks to advance or multiply that which belongs to another.”
- B. THIS IS THE RELATION GOD WISHES TO EXIST BETWEEN HIM AND US.
 - 1. **Each is a steward** of the talent God has given us (**1 Pet. 4:10**).
 - 2. Is this the prevalent attitude of church members? **My attitude?**
 - 3. This is basic to our faith (**Gal. 2:20; Rom 12:1**).
- C. STEWARDSHIP **REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS** (**1 Cor. 4:2; Luke 16:10-13**).
- D. STEWARDSHIP SHOULD BE **WILLING** SERVICE
(**Luke 10:27; 2 Cor. 8:12; 9:7**).

III. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR FINANCING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

IV. GOD'S GENEROUS REWARD TO MAN (Mal. 3:10; Luke 6:38).

- A. GOD HAS **PROMISED** TO **REWARD** THE LABORER (**1 Cor. 15:58**).
 - 1. In this life (**Matt. 6:33**).
 - 2. In the next (**Matt. 25:23**).
- B. IN REGARD TO OUR GIVING (**1 Tim 6:6-8, 17-19; 2 Cor. 9:6**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. JESUS PROMISES AN ETERNAL DIVIDEND FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE
(**Matt. 6:19-21**).
- B. **THE SECRET IN ANY SERVICE** (**2 Cor. 8:5**).