



Biblical Studies

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Do you understand that God is the giver of all life, and that what you have, your body and your life, is His?

What you do, how you prosper is a direct result of Grace and your effort. Are you a good steward of what God has given you?



Dear Friend,

Do you know that you are to be a good steward over the gifts God has given you?

In this issue we will explore 4 scriptures:

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Grow in loving Christ, your neighbor, and you.

“Remember all human beings are made in God’s image regardless of how worldly, self indulged, or vial they seem.”

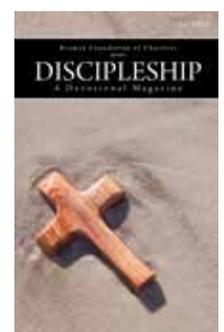
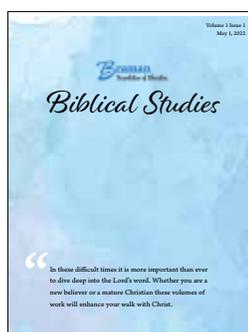
“Therefore, you are the light of the world, let your light shine before them so that they may come to glorify God.”

“You have influence on others.”

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Welcome!

Welcome to our 2nd edition. Biblical Studies from BFC was born with the thought to add value in your bible study with a specific topic each issue.

In this issue we will explore the topic of stewardship through four scriptures.

By definition what is stewardship: When we talk or refer to stewardship, we mean we are responsible for every dollar, resource, and person which God entrusts us!

Stewardship is not only about being responsible but also about being grateful for what we have been given and striving to be faithful managers, or good stewards over our finances, our material goods, and people God has so entrusted us with, knowing God owns everything.

Be Good Stewards Over Our Finances

God speaks to us directly in the book of [Malachi 3:10](#), "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says the Lord of Hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out of you a blessing until it overflows."

God is, of course, speaking directly to our finances. In fact, here God is telling us to test him in this truth. The more you give unto the kingdom the more He will use you as conduit for kingdom building through your finances and resources.

The bible speaks of money in more than 2,300 verses. Money is needed in ministry, is important to fully function in society, and God is seeking us to be faithful.

In truth, God owns all of your money. It is an illusion that you believe the money you have is somehow yours and you can keep it, use it as you wish. For in a single moment you could be whisked away, your money gone, and then what? The Holy Spirit is seeking for you to grow in your generosity. If you believe it is not yours, that you can give more than

you receive, you are on your way. In the church we always speak of a tithe as 10% of your gross earnings. Try to give wherever you are during the day, the week, the year.

Your church uses your money immediately for kingdom building. Therefore, understand your giving as a form or extended part of your worship. And always give cheerfully for God loves a cheerful giver.

In the United States at every convenience store counter there are coin drops for various charities. Therefore you are given the opportunity to sow, then do it! Remember the money is not yours!

Often, in the inner city homeless, are getting through a rough patch. They will be on the street asking at street corners. Friend, look on your fellow man or woman with the eyes of Christ and be of compassion. Give them a 5, 10, or 20 dollar bill. Christ looks upon them in love, therefore who are you to judge? Even drug addicts and alcoholics must eat and drink. Give and it will be given.

But always give cheerfully for God loves a cheerful giver.

For some of you may want to test God as the prophet Malachi suggests. Therefore, give more than 10%, give and grow to 40% or 50% of your money. There are some that have given all possessions and all to kingdom building and this, of course, is the ultimate giving to be able to sell all and live for God in all we do.

In the end, as you grow in the exercise, know that all is God's and He is seeking for you to be a good steward over what He has given you!

Peace!

Good Stewards Over Our Body

In Paul's writing: [2 Corinthians 6:19](#) he writes, "or do you

not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?"

God is seeking for us to be good stewards over our body. The idea that I can do to my body, eat as I wish and believe my body is another illusion or belief in which we delude ourselves. In truth, as believers we now understand that our bodies, our temples are for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As such, God is in us! Therefore, what we eat, what we see, how we think, what we say is always subjectated in God. God sees all and as such we must grow in this truth so that we are growing in the "fear of God".

In other words, if Jesus walked with you everyday by your side, as your companion, how would you act towards others, how would you eat, how would you behave? Do you not understand that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit? God, through you, is working, witnessing, and yearning in many instances to use you. Are you understanding this truth? Are you growing in your divine nature? Are you putting aside selfishness, personal ambition, and moving away from worldliness? Grow in these truths.

Remember, you made the decision to come to Christ, to be saved, to convert. You made the decision to make a public declaration that Christ is your king in baptism. Now go all the way! Understand that He dwells within you and act accordingly! Grow up!

Good Stewards Through His Grace

"As good stewards of the grace given us."

In [1 Peter 4:10](#), Peter writes, "As one has received a special gift, employ it in servicing one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

And so this "special gift", is the gift of your salvation in Christ. What could be more important in your life, than that of your salvation? The fact that you have been saved through the shed blood of Jesus. And so in this gift we must grow in servicing one another. In this love, we must pass

on the salvation to those that the Holy Spirit has brought in our realms. Are there people in your life that are not saved, that do not know the Lord? This is your ministry so speak. Love them, know them, and befriend them as Christ did the Samaritan woman at the well. Friend, this is so important to be the guardian of your salvation by giving it to others, not that through self can you do this, but through the presence of the Holy Spirit in you. Grow in this understanding. Get out of yourself!

Now Jesus is asking you to grow in service, in loving others, and He is giving you an opportunity to serve. Look around and be ever thankful for this opportunity. In fact grow in this understanding. To be a good steward of the grace of God that is so freely given to you at such a deep price as Christ's shed blood. Christ waits for you, all of you. This grace is even abundant and ever for you to watch over, to preserve as His manifold goodness. Be blessed.

The Law Of What You Reap So Shall You Sow

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly, shall also reap sparingly. And he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he proposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loved a cheerful giver."

For many of us our lives are a testimony in what we hold onto selfishly. The more, you sow into kingdom building the more you shall reap. This includes your time, talent, and resources including money. This is the law of cause and effect. Plus God loves a cheerful giver. Remember all is the Lord's in any event, therefore give, give, and give so much more. The idea that it is yours must be overcome. Don't be like the young ruler who walked away from Christ saddened because his possessions were more important than following Jesus. In fact, give it all away and watch what happens. The more you sow, the more you receive. Press into this truth. This is the fact of this law of abundance.

Many fail to believe and continue to live in lack and are not

able to help others give unto the kingdom. Their lives reflect this mundane world and often they wonder why they lack abundance, yet fail to see their misgivings. Press into this law of giving, of testing the Lord and growing in abundance. Be in the flow of goodness, friend and be ever pursued in Jesus.

In fact, Christ wants to see you prosper, Christ yearns to see you as a cheerful giver. Sow into this truth. Be Blessed!

Remember, your life is a testimony of these truths. There is little for you to say for if you sow sparingly it will sow. Grow in giving of your life.

Do you yearn to be used by the Holy Spirit, but lack the resources to really launch an effective ministry? It is very favorable that you are not giving freely. You lack the practice of giving generously. Grow in the practice of the art of giving, and watch how abundantly rich you will be in kingdom building.

As in all business, as in all ministries funding must flow to build infrastructure and support for the work of the world. Even Christ had a treasurer and was very cognizant of this fact. Do not ignore the ineffectiveness of your word and why abundance is not flowing. Much of the shortfalls are due to the fact that you refuse to exercise your faith, stretch your faith, and reach out! Remember you must give to receive and Christ loves and cheerful giver.

Be ever Blessed.
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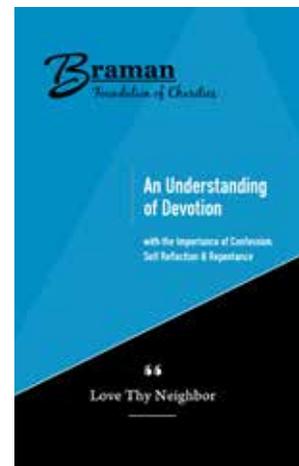


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It is time to commit and recommit yourselves to His commands.

“To love the Lord with all your heart, your mind, and your soul. And to ‘Love Thy Neighbor’ as thyself. Upon these two commands rest all the laws and the Prophets.”

Jesus Christ: Matt 22:36-39



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