

Blue Springs Baptist Temple

Stewardship Month 2007

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10)

Why should we have stewardship month?

1. Giving is a key to everything we do in life.
 - a. Happy marriages are based on giving
 - b. Solid friendships are based on giving
 - c. Success on the job is based on giving

2. God has given us so much, he also asks us to give
 - a. *In order for you to have God's victory in your life, and for us to accomplish God's will for our church, we must be faithful stewards.*
 - b. One survey reported that the average giving of Christians in America is just 2½%
 - c. *Tony Evans says the problem is a spiritual disease called "Cirrhosis of the giver!"*
(This acute condition renders the patients hand immobile when it is called upon to move from the wallet to the offering plate!)

3. Three things God asks us to give
 - a. Time
 - b. Talents / abilities
 - c. Treasure / our finances
4. Bible teaches God is the owner and I am the manager.
 - a. Psalms 24:1
 - b. James 1:17
4. Giving says you understand what God's purposes are.
 - a. Mark 8:36-37
5. Giving says you understand what your purpose is.
6. Giving says you understand what you part is
7. Giving says you understand where you are going.

Stewardship: *What giving says about me.*

Mark 12:41-44

Two Observations:

1. Jesus sees what we give
2. Your giving says something about you.

Seven things Giving says about you:

1. Giving says you understand who God is.
2. Giving says you understand who you are.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 3:23
3. Giving says you understand what is really important.
 - a. Matthew 6:19-20