

Financial Stewardship

Honouring God Through Wise and Faithful Management of His Resources

Key Scripture

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:2

Introduction

Everything we have belongs to God. Our time, talents, finances, possessions, opportunities, and influence are gifts entrusted to us by Him. Financial stewardship is the faithful management of these resources in a way that honours God, serves others, and advances His Kingdom.



The Bible teaches that money is neither good nor evil; rather, it is our attitude towards it that matters. God calls His people to be generous, responsible, content, and wise in managing the resources He has entrusted to them.

At **Disciple Nations**, we believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship. When we honour God with our finances, we demonstrate trust in His provision, support His work on earth, and become channels of blessing to others.

Lesson 1: Understanding Biblical Stewardship

Key Scriptures

- Psalm 24:1
- 1 Corinthians 4:2
- Matthew 25:14–30

What Is Stewardship?

A steward is someone entrusted with the responsibility of managing what belongs to another. As believers, we are stewards of everything God has placed in our care.

Biblical stewardship includes:

- Our finances.
- Our time.
- Our talents and abilities.
- Our relationships.
- Our possessions.
- Our spiritual gifts.
- Our opportunities to serve.



Stewardship is not about ownership; it is about faithful management.

Reflection Questions

- Do you view your resources as your own or as gifts entrusted to you by God?

- In what area of stewardship do you need to grow?

Lesson 2: Honouring God with Your Finances

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 3:9–10
- Malachi 3:10
- Matthew 6:33

God calls us to honour Him with the first and the best of what He has given us.

Faithful stewardship includes:

- Giving generously.
- Supporting God's work.
- Meeting the needs of others.
- Trusting God's provision.
- Living with gratitude.



Giving is an expression of worship and trust.

Lesson 3: Biblical Principles for Managing Money

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 21:5
- Luke 14:28

- Proverbs 27:23–24

Wise financial management involves:

- Creating a budget.
- Living within your means.
- Avoiding unnecessary debt.
- Saving for future needs.
- Planning carefully.
- Spending wisely.
- Being content with what God provides.

Good planning reflects good stewardship.

Practical Exercise

Review your monthly income and expenses. Create a simple budget that reflects your priorities and aligns with biblical values.

Lesson 4: The Blessing of Generosity

Key Scriptures

- 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
- Acts 20:35
- Luke 6:38

Generosity reflects the heart of God.

Generous believers:

- Give joyfully.
- Help those in need.
- Support missions and ministry.
- Share with others without expecting anything in return.
- Trust God as their ultimate provider.

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.

Lesson 5: Contentment and Trust

Key Scriptures

- Philippians 4:11–13
- Hebrews 13:5
- Matthew 6:25–34



Contentment comes from trusting God rather than depending on wealth or possessions.

Content believers:

- Avoid comparison.
- Resist greed.
- Trust God's timing.
- Live with gratitude.

- Find satisfaction in Christ.

True wealth is found in a relationship with God.

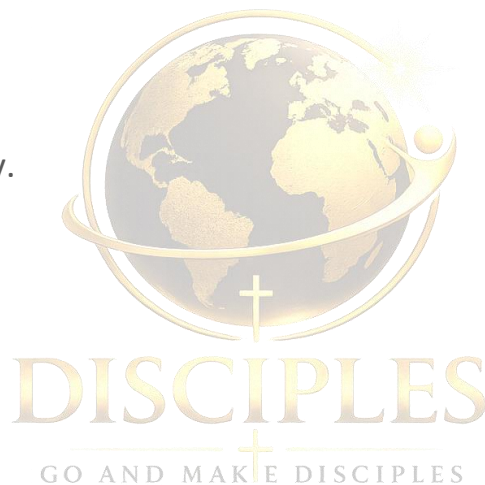
Lesson 6: Avoiding Financial Pitfalls

Key Scriptures

- 1 Timothy 6:6–10
- Proverbs 22:7
- Luke 12:15

The Bible warns against:

- The love of money.
- Greed.
- Dishonesty.
- Wastefulness.
- Covetousness.
- Irresponsible borrowing.
- Placing wealth above God.



Money should be a tool for serving God, never an object of worship.

Lesson 7: Stewardship of Time and Talents

Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 5:15–16

- Colossians 3:23–24
- 1 Peter 4:10

Financial stewardship is only one aspect of faithful living.

God also calls us to manage wisely:

- Our time.
- Our skills.
- Our influence.
- Our opportunities.
- Our spiritual gifts.

Everything entrusted to us should be used for God's glory.

Lesson 8: Stewardship in Ministry

Key Scriptures

- Luke 16:10
- 2 Corinthians 8:20–21
- Matthew 6:19–21

Christian leaders and ministries must handle financial resources with honesty, transparency, and accountability.

Good stewardship in ministry includes:

- Financial integrity.



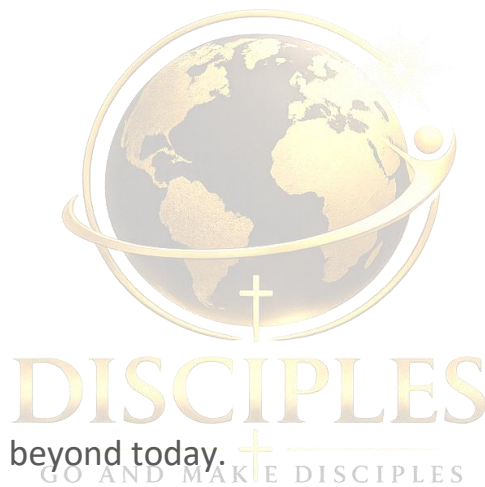
- Clear accountability.
- Responsible budgeting.
- Ethical fundraising.
- Transparency in reporting.
- Wise use of donations and resources.

Faithfulness builds trust and honours God.

Lesson 9: Leaving a Legacy

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 13:22
- Matthew 6:19–21
- 2 Timothy 2:2



A faithful steward thinks beyond today.

A lasting legacy includes:

- Investing in God's Kingdom.
- Supporting future generations.
- Teaching biblical stewardship.
- Living generously.
- Building lives rather than accumulating possessions.

Our greatest investment is in what has eternal value.

Lesson 10: Living as a Faithful Steward

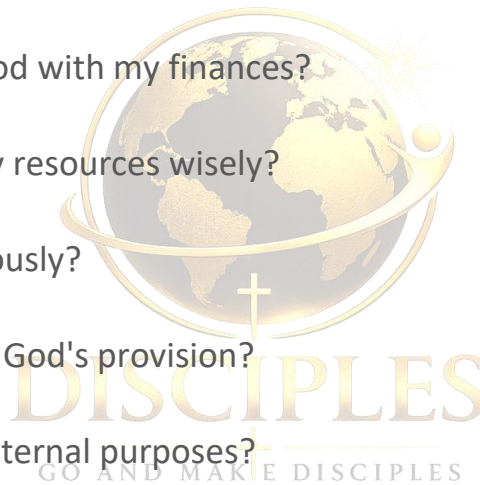
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- Colossians 3:23–24
- Matthew 25:21
- Romans 12:1

Faithful stewardship is a daily commitment.

Ask yourself:

- Am I honouring God with my finances?
- Am I managing my resources wisely?
- Am I giving generously?
- Am I content with God's provision?
- Am I investing in eternal purposes?



Every act of faithful stewardship is an opportunity to glorify God.

Weekly Stewardship Challenge

This week, intentionally practise biblical stewardship by:

- Creating or reviewing your personal budget.
- Setting aside time for prayer before making financial decisions.
- Giving generously to someone in need or supporting Kingdom work.
- Reviewing your spending habits.

- Looking for ways to reduce unnecessary expenses.
- Thanking God daily for His provision.
- Using one of your talents to bless someone else.

Keep a journal of how God teaches you to trust Him through faithful stewardship.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be a faithful steward of God's resources?
2. How does biblical stewardship differ from worldly financial success?
3. Why is generosity an important part of Christian living?
4. What financial habits can help you honour God more faithfully?
5. How can contentment protect us from the love of money?
6. In what ways can you use your time and talents more effectively for God's Kingdom?
7. What legacy of stewardship do you hope to leave for future generations?



Memory Verse

"Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9–10

Let us Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with the resources, opportunities, and blessings You have given us. Teach us to be faithful stewards who honour You with our finances, our time, our talents, and every gift You place in our hands. Give us wisdom to manage our resources responsibly, hearts that are generous toward others, and faith to trust in Your provision. May everything we have and everything we do bring glory to Your name and advance Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Manage Faithfully. Give Generously. Invest Eternally.

Be a Disciple. Make Disciples. Transform Nations.

