

Stewardship: Giving as a New Way of Living
Luke 16:1-2, 10-13

I. Stewardship definitions.

- A. A steward can be defined as the chief servant over _____ possessions.
- B. A steward, as found in the Scriptures, was one who _____ a household or estate.
- C. A steward was a servant – He did not _____ any of his master’s household.

II. Stewardship and giving throughout the Scriptures.

A. Old Testament

Cain/Abel (Gen. 4) → Abraham freely gave the 10% tithe (Gen. 14) → Jacob promises the 10% tithe (Gen. 28) → Mosaic Law defines and commands the tithe – spring harvest, fall harvest, every third year (Lev. 27, Num. 18, Deut. 14:28-29 – may have been as much as 23.3%) → Every man was to appear before the Lord at three feasts – Passover, Weeks, Booths and was not to appear before the Lord empty-handed (Deut. 16-17). Offerings beyond the tithe (freewill offerings) were given as the hearts of God’s people were directed to give (Ex. 25, 35).

B. New Testament

Jesus affirmed the tithe in two gospels (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42) → offerings → Offerings of generosity were introduced (2 Cor. 8) → the habit of giving and being prepared to give was introduced (1 Cor. 16) → the attitude of cheerfulness in giving was introduced (2 Cor. 9:7).

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