

What does the principal of financial stewardship mean?

Most people have credit card debt, educational debt, car loans, mortgages or other personal debt.

1. What is a steward?

Genesis **39:1-6, 21-23**

Psalm **24:1**

A steward is one who has been given a trust based control over property that actually belongs to another.

2. What is a steward charged to do?

Matthew **25:14-30**

1 Corinthians **4:1-2**

James **2:17**

Matthew **20:8-9**

A steward is charged with the control and handling of another person's goods for the benefit of the true owner of the goods. He is charged with not only claiming to handle the goods faithfully but to actually handle the person's goods in a faithful fashion according to the desires of the owner.

3. Why is stewardship so important?

Luke **16:1-3, 10-13**

Luke **12:42-48**

2 Samuel **22:21-23**

Psalm 58:11

The steward is a position of honor that is to be rewarded. While the reward for the Christian steward will most likely not have anything to do with money, he will receive the reward of righteousness from the Lord.

4. What should a steward of God's provisions keep in mind?

1 Corinthians **16:1-2**

2 Corinthians **12:14**

Matthew **6:19-21**

1 Timothy **6:8-12**

Psalm **49:6-9**

Proverbs **22:1**

Matthew **23:23**

The steward of God's provisions is called by God to give an offering of what God has provided for the work of the ministry as a type of thank offering to the Lord. The offering should be in accordance to the blessings that come from God. The steward should be able to provide some benefit to his heirs. The most important job of the steward is to pursue after the kingdom of God first. This could entail things like keeping debt to a minimum, spending based upon need first rather than envy or covetousness. Seek to please God and not man's opinion since the soul of a person cannot be redeemed from eternal condemnation except as an act of God.