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Summer Series: Why This Matters...

- ✧ A look into why we do what we do
- ✧ An understanding of why we are committed to a few essential things at our church and doing them well

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What is “Biblical Stewardship”?

Steward (Webster’s Online Dictionary)...

- ✧ someone who protects or is responsible for money, property, etc
- ✧ a person whose job is to manage the land and property of another person

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Biblical Steward...

- ✧ Caretaker/overseer/manager
- ✧ A person who was *entrusted* by the master of a household to oversee all of the household affairs and servants of a wealthy family (property, business, finances, servants, hired hands, etc.)

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²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

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²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

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³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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- ✧ Parables (Jesus)... Jesus used the concept in much of his teaching
- ✧ Paul... On multiple occasions said he was a “steward of the gospel”

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Why Biblical Stewardship Matters

I. Christians are stewards

- ✦ Responsible for what God has given to us
- ✦ We will give an account for what we did with what God gave us

a) Time & Talents

1 Peter 4:10... ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

b) Treasure... Luke 12

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1. Christians are stewards
2. What we have does not belong to us
 - ✦ Key to understanding biblical stewardship
 - ✦ Psalm 19:1-3...
 - ¹The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
 - ²for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

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1. Christians are stewards
2. What we have Does not belong to us
3. We Belong to God, not ourselves
 - ✦ We were bought with a price...
I Corinthians 6:19-20... ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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Why Biblical Stewardship Matters to YOU

1. You will give an account of how you managed what God entrusted to you
2. What you have does not belong to you
3. You belong to God, not yourself