

## Stewardship: Motives of the Heart

### Lesson #10 The Role of Stewardship

#### Memory Verse    Get Scriptures to read

**1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NKJV)** *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.*

"It is not a theory nor a philosophy but a working program. It is in verity the Christian law of living. . . It is necessary to an adequate understanding of life, and essential to a true, vital religious experience. It is not simply a matter of mental assent, but is an act of the will and a definite, decisive transaction touching the whole perimeter of life." - LeRoy E. Froom, *Stewardship in Its Larger Aspects*, p. 5.

#### Christ as the Center

We will consider the analogy of a chariot wheel.

**John 5:39 (NKJV)** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

**Luke 24:27 (NKJV)** *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

**Hebrews 10:7 (NKJV)** *Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' "*

**Mark 10:45 (NKJV)** *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

**John 1:1–3 (NKJV)** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

**Matthew 28:18 (NKJV)** *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*

**1 Corinthians 15:27 (NKJV)** *For "He has put all things under His feet."*

**\*John 13:3 (NKJV)** *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,*

**Colossians 1:16–18 (NKJV)** *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

#### Sanctuary Doctrine

"The correct understanding of the ministration [of Christ] in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith." – E.G.W., Ev, p. 221

**Remembering where Jesus is right now before the Father as our intercessor and advocate gives us perspective for stewardship.**

**Hebrews 6:19–20 (NKJV)** *This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, <sup>20</sup> where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

**Hebrews 8:1–2 (NKJV)** *Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.*

**Stewardship is about attaching the right value to something. What in the sanctuary pointed to Jesus? The door, the Lamb, the priest, the bread, the light, the incidence, the rock, the water,...**

**1 John 2:1 (NKJV)** *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

**Revelation 14:7 (NKJV)** *saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

#### Christ-Centered Doctrinal Beliefs

**John 14:6 (NKJV)** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

**\*Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)** *But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

- When we preach the doctrine of the Sabbath – Jesus is our rest
- When we teach the doctrine of death – Jesus is our resurrection
- The doctrine of the law? – Jesus writes it all our heart.
- The health message? – Jesus is our healer.

**Ephesians 1:19–23 (NKJV)** *and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>3</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

**1 Corinthians 2:2 (NKJV)** *For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*

### The Three Angels' Messages [Our Mission]

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import - the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention." – E.G. White, 9T p. 19.

**Revelation 14:6–12 (NKJV)** *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—<sup>7</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." <sup>8</sup> And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." <sup>9</sup> Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." <sup>12</sup> Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*

**Revelation 18:2–5 (NKJV)** *And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! <sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." <sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

**1 Corinthians 9:16–17 (NKJV)** *For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.*

**Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)** *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

### Stewardship [Holiness]

**Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)** *how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

**Luke 1:35 (NKJV)** *And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that **Holy One** who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

**1 Peter 1:15–16** *but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

**Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)** *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*

**\*1 Thessalonians 4:7, 8** *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.*

**Isaiah 35:8 (NKJV)** *A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it.*

**Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)** *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

"The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity. Gospel religion is Christ in the life—a living, active principle. It is the grace of Christ revealed in character and wrought out in good works. The principles of the gospel cannot be disconnected from any department of practical life. Every line of Christian experience and labor is to be a representation of the life of Christ."—Ellen G. White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 384.