



SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES TO STEWARDSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT

"But who am I and who are my people that we should contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received from you...O Lord our God, all this wealth that we have brought together to build you a house in honor of your holy name comes from you and is entirely yours."

1 Chronicles 29:14-16

"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the field or in the fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him."

Lev. 27:30

"Each year you shall tithe all the produce that grows in the field you have sown...so that the Lord, your God may bless you in all that you undertake."

Dt. 14:22, 29

"The measure of your own free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessings the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you...No one shall appear before the Lord empty handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, god has bestowed on you."

Dt. 16:10, 16-17

"When you have come into the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you as a heritage and have occupied it and settled in it, you shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest...and, putting them in a basket...you shall go to the priest... (who will) set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God."

Dt. 26:1-15

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow."

Prov. 3:9

"One man is lavish yet grows still richer; another is too sparing; yet he is the poorer. He who confers benefits will be amply enriched and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Prov. 11:24

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of free-will gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance and pay you tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:10-13

NEW TESTAMENT

"Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

"Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life."

Luke 12:15

"You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus Himself, who said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

Acts 20:35

"We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us. One's gift may be prophecy...it may be ministry...a teacher...the power of exhortation. He who gives alms should do so generously...he who performs works of mercy should do so cheerfully."

Romans 12:6-8

"Men should regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

1 Corinthians 4:1

"He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for enough of everything and even a surplus for good works."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

"We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out...those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap...the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Timothy 6:7-9

"Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."

"Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also. No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money. I warn you, then; do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes? The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first His Kingship over you, His way of holiness and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own."

Matthew 6:19, 24-25, 32-34

"It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you, must serve the needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve—to give his life in ransom for the many."

Mark 10:43-45

"When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted."

Luke 12:48

"Tell those who are rich in this world's goods not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth. Let them trust in the God who provides us richly with all things for our use. Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have. Thus will they build a secure foundation for the future, for receiving that life which is life indeed."

1 Timothy 6:17-19