

HONOR

“A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor?”
Malachi 1:6 NKJV

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STEWARD? HOW CAN I SHOW HONOR TO GOD?

STEWARDSHIP STARTS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT GOD OWNS EVERYTHING
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 NKJV

SEVEN RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STEWARD Genesis 1-3

- GOD CREATED US FOR RELATIONSHIP

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...” Genesis 1:26
NKJV

- GOD CREATED US TO HAVE DOMINION OVER HIS CREATION
...let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle,
over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. Genesis 1:26 NKJV

- GOD CREATED US TO BLESS US
Then God blessed them, and God said to them... Genesis 1:28 NKJV

- Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Provides a list of blessings when we honor God

- GOD CREATED US TO BE FRUITFUL, MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH WITH HIS HONOR
“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:28 NKJV

- GOD CREATED US TO WORK AND BE CREATIVE
Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
Genesis 2:15 NKJV

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. Genesis 2:19 NKJV

- GOD CREATED US TO HONOR HIM

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV

- As Stewards We Must Take Dominion Over Every Enemy Genesis 3:1-22
YELLOW IS FOR POWER POINT ONLY

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:1-5 NKJV

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Genesis 3:8-11 NKJV

- GOD CREATED US TO REST AND RECONNECT WITH OUR CREATOR

And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Genesis 2:2-3 NKJV

Stewardship is a spiritual issue not a money issue

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 NIV

God created you to bless you but you must honor him

The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

Deuteronomy 28:12-13 NKJV

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

Deuteronomy 30:15-16 NKJV

Fill the earth with the honor of God

Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the Lord.

Habakkuk 2:14 CEV

Enjoying our work is a gift from God

What is the best thing to do in the short life God has given us? I think we should enjoy eating, drinking, and working hard. This is what God intends for us to do. Suppose you are very rich and able to enjoy everything you own. Then go ahead and enjoy working hard—this is God's gift to you. God will keep you so happy that you won't have time to worry about each day.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 CEV