

II The Seminar:

A. Thesis For Seminar:

The underlying **THESIS FOR THE SEMINAR IS -**

You and I are **MONEY MASTERS** and we need to become responsible/accountable **MANAGERS OF IT!** Passing the buck is over; now we can manage our finances and sufficiently **MEET OUR NEEDS** and still get some of the **ADDED AMENITIES** of enjoyment we **DESIRE**.

B. Structure Of The Seminar

This course is presently once weekly over an eleven week time span. Each session encompasses one hundred and five minutes of teaching/discussion, and includes a fifteen minute break for coffee and dessert/fellowship part way through.

At the beginning of the seminar, each person attending will be offered the opportunity of purchasing ‘The Money Master Student Guide’ at a one time cost of \$15.00. Further booklet information will be provided at the beginning of each sessions at no additional cost. At the end of the seminar, for those interested, there will be audio CD’s of the session available at a cost of \$5.00 each. Each couple attending will receive a piggy bank in which they will place the savings they accumulate during the week based upon the strategies taught.. During the second last week of the seminar couples will tally what they’ve saved and report back.

The seminar will follow a biblical principled foundation, but it will also include present sociological reviews and notes. Together we will become **MONEY MASTERS** and we will **CURTAIN THE ENTICEMENT OF IMPULSE SPENDING** motivated by the **GLITTER**, the **GLAMOUR** and the **GLORY** of the moment.. The guidelines will be presented; grab on to them and use them.

C. Foundational Principle For This Seminar

The underlying principle for financial sustainability is recognizing and adopting an attitude of each person being a ‘steward manager of financial resources’ regardless of how much or how little one possess.

Definition of STEWARDSHIP:

The word originates in the the Greek word oikonomos and has a general inference to “management of those things that are related to everyday living.”. This may include management of time, crops, furniture, money.

Within the Greek world there were special slaves who managed their master’s possessions with the ‘sole intent to make whatever they touched’ prosper.

Two of the clearest examples of stewardship within the Old Testament are

Joseph looking after Potiphar's possessions, and Daniel as Prime Minister to Nebucadnezzar. (See Genesis 39 & Daniel 6-10)

In the New Testament the clearest example of **STEWARDSHIP** comes from **Matthew 25:14 - 24** where Christ gives out five, two and one talent(s) for investment. The inference here is that each person is entrusted **WITH HIS GOODS** and must use them **SOBERLY, DILIGENTLY, CAUTIOUSLY,** and **PROFITABLY.**

1. One who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs.
2. Stewardship is personal responsibility for taking care of another person's property or financial affairs or in religious orders taking care of finances. Historically, stewardship was the responsibility given to household servants to bring food and drinks to a castle dining hall.
3. The concept of responsible caretaking; the concept is based on the premise that we don't own resources, but are managers of resources and are responsible to future generations for their condition.

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The **BASIC PREMISE** behind stewardship IS THIS: We are **MANAGING ANOTHER'S AFFAIRS.**

IV Biblical Premises For Stewardship Management:

Premise #1 - We brought nothing into this world!

1 Timothy 6:6 ¶But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Premise #2 - God has created all things!

Genesis 1:1 ¶In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 ¶And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth,

visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Acts 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Job 10:8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. ¹²Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

Premise #3 God gives man DOMINION, and not OWNERSHIP, over all those things that are created. He, therefore, has an unwavering OBLIGATION to MANAGE THESE WITH CARING DILIGENCE!

Genesis 1:26 And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Premise #4 God, out of HIS KINDNESS, has given mankind the power to GAIN WEALTH

Deuteronomy 8:7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all

that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 ¶Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 6:1 ¶There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

Premise #5 God HOLDS us ANSWERABLE as to whether or not we are RESPONSIBLE stewards of all our resources - MONEY included.

- a) The Prodigal Son . . . Luke 15:11-30
- b) Story of a Certain Unnamed Rich Man . . . Luke 12:14-21
- c) Certain Rich Man Clothed In Purple . . . Luke 16:19-26
- d) Ananias and Sapphira . . . Acts 5:1-11
- e) The Money Changers in the temple . . .Matthew 12
- f) Judas Iscariot . . . John 13 - 18

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Premise #6 God REWARDS/BLESSES those who manage their affairs in a GODLY and UPRIGHT manner, while he brings TO DISGRACE those that are covetous and unappreciative of their blessings.

Proverbs 31:1 10 ¶Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

- 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all
- 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Story Of Job: Job 1-42

Job 42:10 ¶And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

- 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.
- 12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.
- 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.
- 14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.
- 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.
- 16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.
- 17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

- 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
- 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:
- 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:
27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.
28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.
29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.
30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth

The COVETOUS are punished:

Psalms 10:1 ¶Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.
4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.
5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.
9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.
11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.
12 ¶Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.
14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

Premise #7 God wants to BLESS his creation, both SPIRITUALLY and MATERIALLY. However, one cannot be blessed MATERIALLY if his spiritual relationship with God is DISTORTED.

GOD WANTS TO BLESS:

James 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Psalms 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 ¶O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

- 10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Deuteronomy 29:1 ¶These are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

- 2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;
- 3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:
- 4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.
- 5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.
- 6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I am the LORD your God.
- 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:
- 8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.
- 9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Contrast regarding PROSPERITY for Godly & Ungodly

- Psalms 1:1** ¶Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 ¶The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

You can PROSPER only as both your SOUL and BODY DEVELOPS together

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Proposition #8 STEWARDSHIP and MONEY MANAGEMENT is not a natural trait of humanity.

Most often individuals are given over to **SPURIOUS SPENDING** to **GRATIFY** their **IMMEDIATE** needs whether or not they can **JUSTIFY** them! Therefore, if we are to articulate/practice **WISE STEWARDSHIP** we need to be **MENTORED** towards the right **PATH** so that we will not **SQUANDER** what God has graciously given to us. To become a steward, one must accept adopt the following attitude as an undergirding for his conduct.: **“Col. 3:17 – “And**

whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Proposition #9 STEWARDSHIP equals prudent, careful and caring money management skills based upon sound godly instruction which teaches godliness, contentment, thankfulness and moderation.

Scripture teaches that God want us to prosper financially, but this is in relation to how our spirit is prospering. It never incites people ‘to embrace money as a source of identity or meaning,’ for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses. Paul sets boundaries on financial wealth suggesting that one never becomes taken up with it, for the love of money is the ROOT OF EVIL. He continues by saying that those who succumb to its draw unchecked, leave themselves open to a number of unexpected sorrows. I Timothy 6

Scripture informs us that we are to be **CONTENT** with whatever the **LORD EMPOWERS** us to gain.

Titus 1:6 ¶If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

One of the basic scams on TV today is the advertisement **IMAGINE FREEDOM** when one plays 649. Rather than providing **FREEDOM**, this can become an **ADDICTION** to squander present earnings on a **DREAM**

Proposition #10 STEWARDSHIP is not a PRIVATE MATTER.

How you handle your money is publicly displayed by what you buy, where you go, those with whom you associate, and by what you prioritize as **YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESS!**

Jesus inferred very strongly that people know what kind of a financial manager one is. Think of the calling of Matthew, the tax collector. Reflect on Zachaeus. Think of the rich young ruler. Each of these were known either by their love of money or by their misappropriation of it. Reflect on Ananias and Saphira - they were known because of the deception money brought into their lives to lie against the Holy Spirit (Acts 5)

When unloading the moving van when I went to teach school in Sayward in 1977 Mr. McDougal, chair of the school board, said “well, I can certainly see that you like recreational activity.” In the van were fishing rods, skates, roller blades etc.

Jesus put it simply this way, “As a man’s heart is, so is he!” Luke 6:45

Proposition #11 STEWARDSHIP is distilled in one’s heart and mind through a CONFIDENTIAL TRUST COMMITMENT that God KNOWS all our needs before we ASK HIM, and He is willing to provide our DAILY BREAD sufficiently in our time of need.

Jesus, during the Sermon On The Mount, reminded his audience that they could do absolutely

nothing to add an inch to their stature because they had no control over their life. He then went on to remind them that the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, and the flower of the field, relax and give God rightful obligation to provide for them. According to Christ, we are far more important than these to Him. If He looks after them, can we not be certain that He will also look after us? In the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6) we are reminded that the Sovereign God, Our Father, covenants with His children that He will give us our daily bread when we confidently submit to His caring will. Further, in Matthew, we discover that God hears and answers our prayer according to our need. Therefore, if we ask Him for an egg, He will not give us a stone, and if we ask for Him for fish, He will not give us a serpent.

The children of Israel saw God's good hand of provision as He daily provided sufficient amounts of Manna as they travelled towards the Promised Land, Isaiah saw God's good hand of provision while fleeing from Jezebel as he rested beside the river, Mara. David saw God's good hand of provision in fighting with Goliath, and Saul saw God's good hand of provision when he was taken to Cornelius's home.

Regardless of what we need, we can rest in Paul's encouragement, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6) David adds further encouragement to building our trust in God in stating, "Once I was young, now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging for bread!" Psalms 37:25

Proposition #12 BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP, most often, centres around financial management towards SUSTAINABILITY, and not AN INCREASE IN WEALTH

Whenever we examine the life of Abram, Lot, Moses, Noah, Joseph or any of the Biblical characters mentioned in Scripture we discover that God's benevolence is always directed towards sustainability. The purposed plan of God infers that God deals in the NOW of life and His proportionate giving of prosperity necessitates a continuous trust moment by moment in Him. Countless examples are provided, but the most formidable one is the children of Israel travelling to Canaan.

On one instance a young lady attempted to steal diamonds from an overtaken tribe because it guaranteed an increase in wealth. When the prophet discovered what she had done, the whole family was killed.

Proposition #13 BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP always includes SHARING ONE'S RESOURCES with others, including the PROVISIONAL CARING of the POOR within society.

Psalms 41:1 ¶<<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.>> Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Psalms 69:30 ¶I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

Psalms 140:11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy

Proverbs 14:21 ¶He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

Proverbs 14:31 ¶He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Proverbs 17:5 ¶Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 19:17 ¶He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 22:16 ¶He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

Proverbs 28:27 ¶He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

Matthew 25:31 ¶When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Proposition #14 BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP includes leaving a legacy of financial resources to one's descendants (Proverbs 31)

Numbers 27:6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to

pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25:39 ¶And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:

40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:

41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

Proverbs 13:22 ¶A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Proposition #14 BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP always includes giving back a portion of one's blessing back to GOD AS A FREE-WILL OFFERING OF THE FIRST FRUITS.

Numbers 18:25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Psalms 37:21 ¶The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy,

and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

1 Corinthians 16:1 ¶Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.