

ABC's of Stewardship

“Attitude”

Luke 10:25-10:37

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“Stewardship”

Using God Given Abilities to...

...Manage God Given Resources,

...to Accomplish God Given Results.

Stewardship Areas

- **Time**
- **Talent**
- **Treasure**
- **Testimony**
 - Acknowledgement**
 - Attitude**
 - Action**

“Stewardship”

Many Think...

- **Stewardship= money** (*giving of my resources*).
 - **But giving money to church is not stewardship**, it is part of it
- **Maybe it is about doing ministry** (*giving of my abilities*).
 - **BUT what you do in ministry for God is also only a Part**

**Well, if stewardship is not only about what I can give....
...and not only about what I can do...**

What is Stewardship about?

“Attitude of Stewardship”

Stewardship is about Having the Heart Of Stewardship

- Good Stewardship is a Matter of Attitude that...
...Stands Behind Your Giving and Your Service**

“Attitude of Stewardship”

**It's not “*What you Give*” or “*What you Do for God*”...
...it's “*Why you Do It*”**

■ **If you Give Money/ Resources to God w- the Wrong Attitude...**

...you're Not Being a Good Steward

■ **If you Do Ministry (*Serve the Church*) w- the Wrong Attitude...**

...you're Not Being a Good Steward

“Attitude of Stewardship”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is...

...a Parable about the Attitude of Stewardship

There are Three Attitudes on Display Here...

...Which One is Yours?

The 1st Attitude

What's Yours is Mine and I'm Going to Take It (30)

- **The 1st Attitude is that of the Robbers.**
- **It's an Attitude of...**
 - **Misplaced Values**
 - **Misunderstood Ownership**
- **In the Temporal Realm We Oppose Such Thinking
But in the Spiritual Realm We Rob from God and...
...Give it Little Thought**

Malachi 3:8-10

God speaks to Israel...

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse- the whole nation of you- because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it "

Malachi 3:8-10

God is not Spewing Legalism but...

...Inviting to Enter a Covenant Blessing

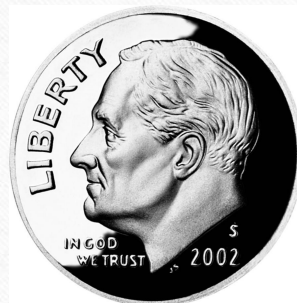
You have Tested Me... (left me out)

...Bad Came

Now Try Me... (put me 1st)

...Good Will Come

How Much Does God Require?



The 2nd Attitude

What's Mine is Mine and I'm Going to Keep It (31-32)
Who does Jesus say passed by this man in the ditch?

A Levite and a Priest

These were men of ministry

religious leaders

DOERS in the congregation

trained to serve God

trained to do ministry

But when the time comes to do *“real ministry”* they turn their heads

Their attitude is *“What's mine is mine – I'm going to keep it”*

The 3rd Attitude

What's Mine is Yours – I'll Share It with You (33-37)

This Samaritan was...

- not “trained in ministry.”
- had other things to do in his life.
- Yet he stopped where the others walked on by

What Made The Difference? – His Attitude. It Helped Him...

- Overcome his Prejudice
- Ignore the Inconvenience
- Give up his Possessions to Take Care of this Man
- Made His Story Worth Telling

The Right Attitude

It's All About the Attitude of Ownership

- **God Owns it All!**
- **We are Called to Manage What He has Entrusted to Our Care**
 - **Time**
 - **Talent**
 - **Treasure**
 - **Testimony**

It All Begins and Ends with our Attitude

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- **Philippians 2:5-8 (HCSB)**

⁵ Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. ⁷ Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, ⁸ He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.