

**ABC's of Stewardship**  
**“Consider”**

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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**

## **“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**

# “Blessings of Stewardship”

I Chron 29:10-16

- Verse 11- the Word *“everything”*
- Verse 14- the Phrase, *“Everything comes from you”*
- Verse 16- the Phrase, *“and all of it belongs to you”*

King David Understood that **EVERYTHING** Comes from God.

The Blessing is God Wants to Partner with us

# **The Partnership Is Not Complete**

**Until We Give Back...**

**Conduit or Container**

- **Nothing has more impact on a person than to be a Blessing**
- **Giving is the Highest Level of Living we Can Achieve.**
- **It's Not What You Have that Makes the Difference.**
  - **It's What You Do With What You Have.**
  - **God Desires for Us to Rise to a Higher Level**

# The Partnership is Complete

## How Do We Give Back?

### We Give to Back to God...

- **Directly by Bringing Tithe and Offering to Storehouse**
  - Use Our Time, Talent, Treasures, Testimony to **Bless His House**
- **Indirectly by Giving to Others**
  - Use Our Time, Talent, Treasures, Testimony to **Bless Others**

**This Partnership or Stewardship that God Calls us to...  
...Completes the Cycle**

# Consider

**Satan Desires to Stop the Move of God**

- **In Us - *Our Passion***
- **For Us - *Our Possessions (Needs)***
- **Thru Us - *Our Power***



# **“Commitment of Stewardship”**

**God wants us “All In” !**

***Why?***

- **It Closes the Doors Satan Seeks to Enter**
- **It Opens Doors Thru Which God Can Bless Us**
- **It Opens Ways Thru Which We Can BE a Blessing**

## “Consider Your Ways” (5-6)

**1- Problem (6)** *Ruin- work/ money put in bags with holes in it*

- The People saw a **Physical Problem**
- God saw a **Spiritual Problem**

**They Were Both Right!**

## **“Consider Your Ways” (5-6)**

- **You have sown much, but you have reaped little**
- **You eat, but you do not have enough**
- **You drink, but you do not have your fill**
- **You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm**
- **He who earns wages has earned them to put them in a bag w- holes in it**

**The Their Effort was There...**

**...God’s Covering was Gone**

# “Consider Your Ways”

## 1- Problem (6) *Ruin*- God Saw.....

- **Procrastination -18 years since return... God’s House Lacking**

- Prolonged becomes Apathy

- **Apathy**

- Erodes your Godly Covering (9)

- No Matter How Tight they Try to Hold On...  
...it Keeps Slipping Away

**They Cannot See that their Physical Problems are...**

**...Directly Connected to their Spiritual Problem**

# Eroding Our Covering

## When We...

- allow the less important to take the place of the most important
- allow the Lord's work to take a back seat to own personal pursuits
- allow other relationships to intrude upon our relationship w- GOD
- work diligently for own well-being but neglect the work of the Lord

*Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, / ye run every man unto his own house (9)*

# “Consider Your Ways”

## **2- Passion (2-5) Resisted God’s Plan – Put Him First!**

**Matt 6:33 (AMP)** But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom/ His righteousness (His way of doing/ being right), then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

*Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built (2)*

### **Causes of Procrastination.**

- **Lack of Ability** (*within*)
- **Lack of Tools** (*without*)
- **Lack of Interest** (*attitude*)

# “Consider Your Ways”

## **3- Priority (8) Re-alignment -consider your ways**

*<sup>8</sup> Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will **take pleasure in it**, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.*

**Pleasure-** *to be pleased with; specifically to satisfy a debt*

**Glorified-** *to make large- bring glory! -to testify*

**We are Not Saved thru our Service...**

**...but we are Saved to Serve (God and Others)**

# “Consider Your Ways”

## 4- Promise (2:1-9) *Restoration*

<sup>4</sup>Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD;/ be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest;/ be **strong**, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD,/ **work**: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts: <sup>5</sup> *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. <sup>6</sup> For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while,/ **I will shake the heavens,/ the earth,/ the sea,/ the dry land;** <sup>7</sup> I will shake all nations/ the desire of all nations shall come:/ **I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.**

<sup>8</sup> The **silver *is* mine**, and the **gold *is* mine**, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>9</sup> The glory of this **latter house** shall be **greater than of the former**, saith the LORD of hosts: and in **this place will I give peace**, saith the LORD of hosts.



## **“Consider Your Ways”**

***Our Salvation is Never Based on Service...  
...It's Based on the Cross Alone!***

***Our Rewards are Based on Service...  
...Here and in the Hereafter***

***Our Stewardship is Based on Our Faith in God...  
...it will Show here and in the Hereafter***