

Edward Christian Church

Spiritual Warfare Pt 10a

Our Adversary

Ephesians 6:10-12

July 28, 2024

Ephesians 6

- ✠10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- ✠11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- ✠12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- ✠13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- ✠14 Stand...

Occupy Til I Come

Occupy

-Does Not Mean

⌘ ***Take Up Space***

-It Does Mean –

⌘ ***Take a Stance***

⌘ ***Be Productive***

⌘ ***Take Back Lost ...***

***...Ground /
Property***

Recognize the Battle

Warning

- **Be** (*now-constant*)
- **Strong** (*infused w- inner ability*)
 - **In the Lord** (*found one place*)
- **Power** (*overwhelming – irresistible*)
 - **Might** (*strong arm*)

A person wearing a bright red robe and a tall, pointed red hat stands in the center of the frame. They are positioned in front of a dark, multi-story building with several windows. The scene is set during a rainstorm, with numerous raindrops visible as white streaks falling across the entire image. The overall mood is dark and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

Last Supper

14 Present

Jesus and His Disciples and...

..Satan

He was Looking for a Way to Get to Jesus

A Doorway = an Entry Point in His Life...

...to Affect His Life

He Found None –John 14:30

*Hereafter I will not talk much w- you: for the prince of this world cometh, and ***hath nothing in me.****

Every Door was Shut!

Last Supper

**Jesus Lived a Life that Kept the Door Closed
So Satan looked for Someone Close...
...to Get to Him**

“Disciples”

There was a Dispute...

- **Among them**
- **Within them**

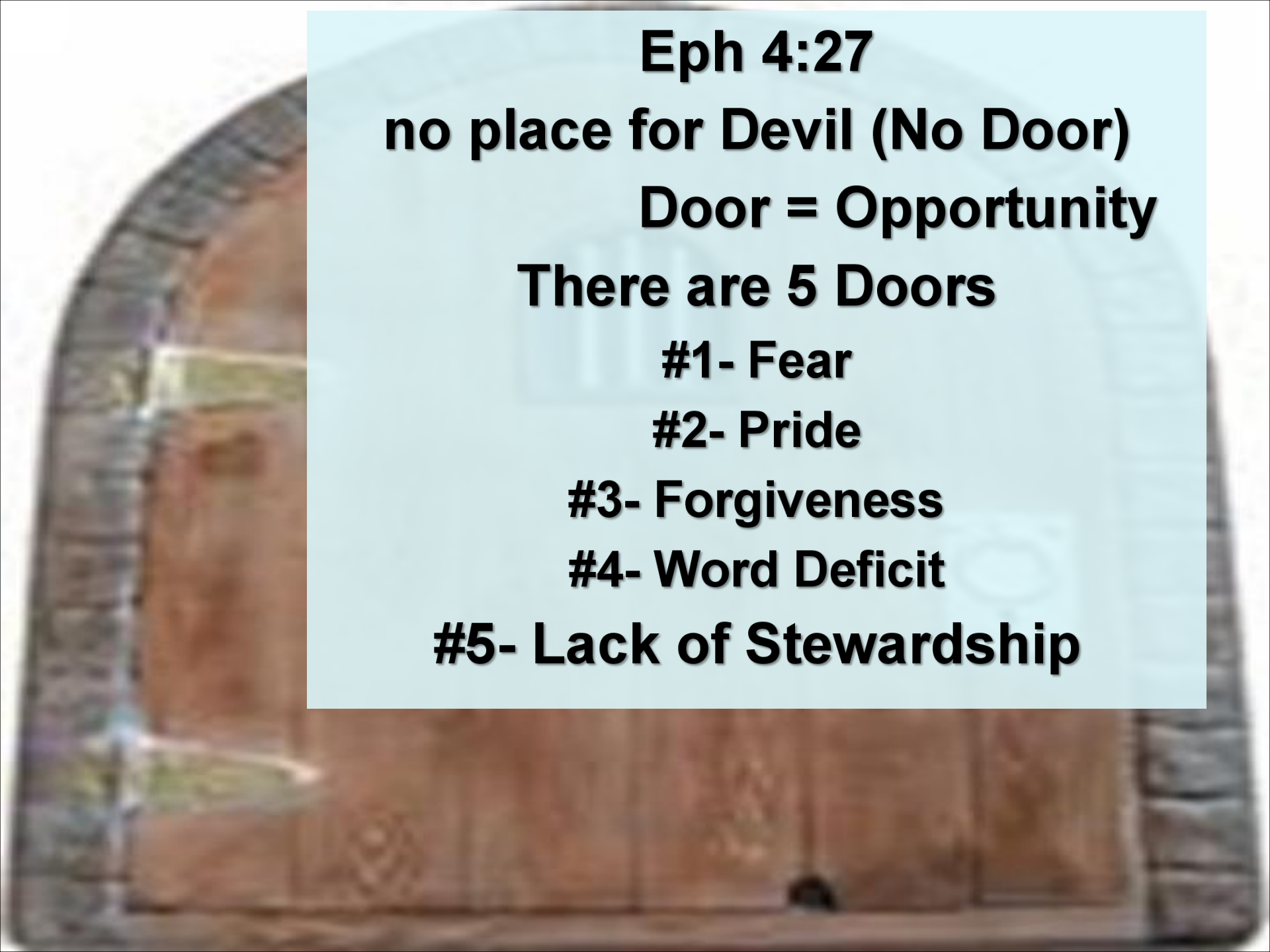
These Disputes...

...Produced Doors

...Entry Points for Satanic Activity

A person wearing a bright red hooded cloak stands in the center of the frame. The hood is pulled up, completely obscuring their face. They are standing in a heavy rain, with numerous white streaks representing raindrops falling all around them. In the background, the dark, silhouetted roof of a house is visible against a black sky. The overall mood is mysterious and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR



Eph 4:27

no place for Devil (No Door)

Door = Opportunity

There are 5 Doors

#1- Fear

#2- Pride

#3- Forgiveness

#4- Word Deficit

#5- Lack of Stewardship

“Whose Job Is It, Anyway?”

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done

The story may be confusing, but the message is clear: no one took responsibility, so nothing got accomplished.

STEWARDSHIP

A Lifestyle of Partnership With God

Growing:

God
Working
In And
Through Us

Serving:

Allowing
God To
Use You

Giving:

Managing
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**ABC's
of
Stewardship
Attitude"**

Luke 10:25-37

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”

Stewardship

Using God Given Abilities to...

...Manage God Given Resources,

...to Accomplish God Given Results

Stewardship

TALENT

GIFT

MISSION

ABUNDANCE

GOD'S MISSION, OUR GIFTS

SERVICE

LOVE

Blessing

thanking

CREATION

ASKING

offering

tithing

generosity

giving

personal

gift

generous

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STEWARDSHIP



PUTTING OUR FAITH IN ACTION

How to practice it?

TIME



**Pray
Gratefully**

Recognize
everything we
have is a gift
from God

TALENT



**Serve
Responsibly**

Thank God
for all the
talents He
has given us

TREASURE



**Give
Generously**

Thank God
for the
resources He
has given us

STEW

Stewardship Areas



PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO



Time

Talent

Treasure

How to

Testimony

TIME



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TALENT



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Temple



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Acknowledgement

Attitude

Action

Let a man so consider
us, as servants of Christ
and stewards of the
mysteries of God.

Moreover it
is required in
stewards that
one be found
faithful

1 Corinthians 4:2



“Stewardship is Not”

- **Giving**

(giving of my resources).

- **Doing**

(giving of my abilities)

- **Giving Money to Church**

- **Doing Ministry in Church**

- **is Not Stewardship,**

...it is Merely Part of It

But...

and you can't be a Steward without These

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**YOU WILL BE ENRICHED
IN EVERY WAY SO THAT
YOU CAN BE GENEROUS
ON EVERY OCCASION
AND THROUGH US
YOUR GENEROSITY
WILL RESULT
IN THANKSGIVING
TO GOD.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

“Stewardship is Not”

- **If Stewardship Is Not About**
 - **What I Can Give**
 - **What I Can Do...**
- So**
- **What Is It About?**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

“Stewardship is...”

HEART OF STEWARDSHIP

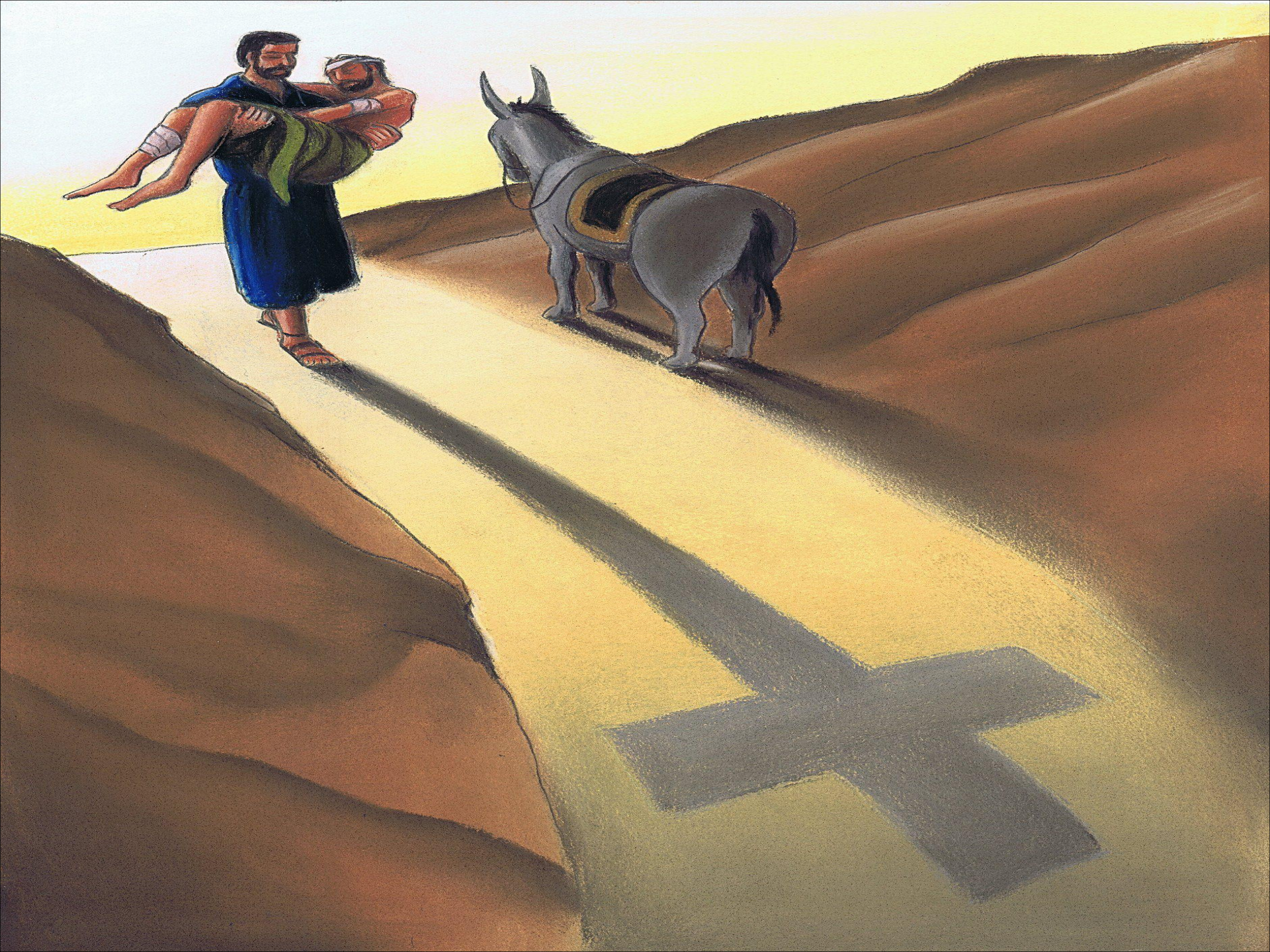
“Attitude”

ATTITUDE Stands Behind Your....

**Giving
Service**

It's Not in “What”

**What You Give or Do For God,
It's “WHY”**



An illustration of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In the upper left, a Samaritan with a beard and a blue tunic is carrying an injured man on his back. The injured man has a bandage on his head and a wound on his arm. They are on a path that winds through a hilly, arid landscape under a yellow sky. In the center, the back of a donkey is visible, suggesting it is carrying the Samaritan and his passenger. The text is overlaid on a light blue rectangular background.

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan
is a Parable About the
Attitude of Stewardship.**

There Are Three Attitudes On Display Here

Which Shoe Fits Your Foot?

1st Attitude

**1st
Attitude**

1st Attitude

What's YOURS is MINE and I'm going to take it (30)
thieves on the road

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...even the world understands this is wrong

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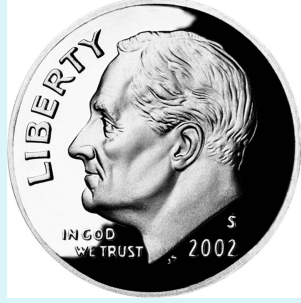
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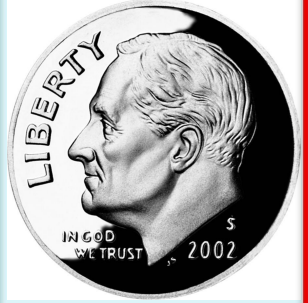
Malachi 3:8-10 God speaks to Israel...

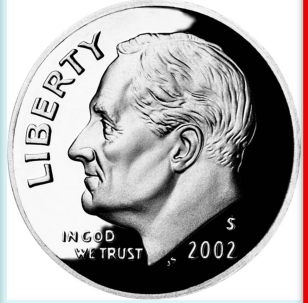
"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse-- the whole nation of you-- because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and 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"

How Much Belongs to God?



How Much Belongs to God?

		Everything		
				



How Much Belongs to God?

**Can You Imagine What We Could
Accomplish If We Applied This to
All the Stewardship Areas in Our Lives ?**



The 2nd Attitude

**2nd
Attitude**

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 ditch?

(A Levite and a Pharisee).

These were men of ministry, religious leaders.

These were the DOERS in the congregation.

They were trained to serve God –

BUT not going to do anything for beaten man.

**In Order for Them to Help this Man,
Have to Give Up Something Important to Them
Their Time, Resources, Personal Comfort.**

3rd Attitude

**Blessed is the person
who sees the need,
recognizes the
responsibility, and
actively becomes the
answer.**

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

3rd Attitude

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

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⌘ **not any wealthier than the Levite or Pharisee.**

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WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE? – His Attitude.

⌘ **The Samaritan's Attitude Helped Him**

⌘ **Overcome His Prejudice**

⌘ **Ignore The Inconvenience**

⌘ **Give Up His Possessions To Take Care Of Man**

Right Attitude

Your gifts are not about
Leadership is not about
Your purpose is not about **YOU**

A life of significance is about
SERVING
those who need your gifts, your
leadership, your purpose.

Right Attitude

It's All About the Attitude of Ownership

If You're A Steward...

...You Realize You Don't Own Anything

...But Take Care Of Something

...For Someone Else

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I Need To Make Up My Mind That I Don't Own My...

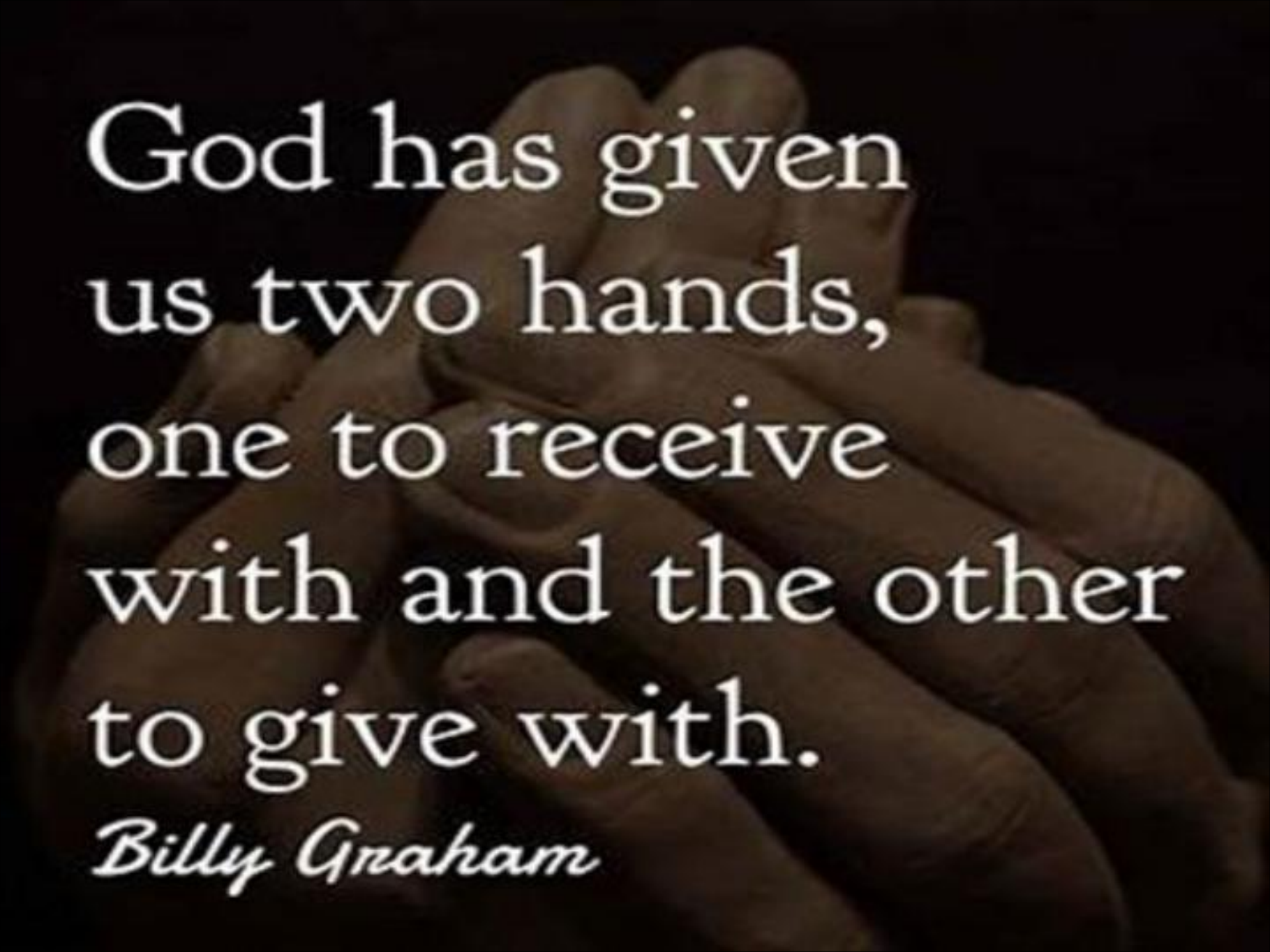
 **Time**

 **Talent**

 **Treasure**

 **Testimony**

 **Temple**



God has given
us two hands,
one to receive
with and the other
to give with.

Billy Graham



God has given
us two hands,

Practice Saying...

**They're All His
They Belong to Him
I Just Manage Them
If I Master This Attitude
I'm A Good Steward**

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