

## Stewardship

What is Biblical stewardship? For a short description, [click here](#)

While stewardship includes every aspect of our lives (money, time, energy, etc), one significant aspect of Biblical stewardship is that of finances. Faithful financial stewardship includes:

1. Being free from the demands of money and bills:

Matthew 6:24: 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.

2. Being free to offer back as an act of worship some of the money God has provided. Our giving should not be forced or out of obligation, but rather a cheerful expression of gratitude to God:

2 Corinthians 8:8,9: I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich

2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

3. Have a plan and a system for giving, and give in proportion to how God has blessed us:

1 Corinthians 16:2: On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

4. Give expectantly:

2 Corinthians 9:10-11: He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 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

Each of us are at different places in our faith journey, including our financial stewardship. If you would like to grow in the freedom of financial stewardship, please contact one of the deacons.