

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. (2 Corinthians 8:5-7)

Plan for _____ (v. 34)

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (Colossians 3:2)

CONCLUSION

Quote: "A man may go to heaven without health, without riches, without honors, without learning, without friends; but he can never go there without Christ."

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Luke 12:22

JESUS TEACHES ON STEWARDSHIP—PART 2

And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

—Luke 12:22



INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT ⁱ

Quote: "Now, as the rich farmer worried because he had too much, the disciples might be tempted to worry because they did not have enough! They had given up all they had in order to follow Christ. They were living by faith, and faith is always tested."—**Bible Exposition Commentary**

I. A STEWARDSHIP _____ (vv. 22, 25)

A perspective of _____ (v. 22a)

REFRAIN FROM WORRY

Definition: "Take no thought"—to be anxious; to be troubled with cares—to seek to promote one's interests

Quote: "Our English word *worry* comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word that means 'to strangle.'"—**Bible Exposition Commentary**

Quote: "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."—**George Mueller**

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:34)

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It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22–23)

REMEMBER GOD'S CONTROL

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

A perspective of _____ (v. 23)

Definition: "life is more"—greater in quality, superior, more excellent

Quote: "The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'"—**Andrew Murray**

2. A STEWARDSHIP _____ (vv. 24–28)

He will provide _____ (vv. 24–26)

Definition: "consider"—to observe, and understand—to consider attentively, fix one's eyes or mind upon

LOGIC FROM THE RAVENS

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. (Psalm 147:9)

Definition: "how much more"—to a greater degree, more willingly, more readily

Quote: "God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him."—**Andrew Murray**

LESSON FROM NATURE

Definition: "they grow"—to increase, become greater

He will provide _____ (v. 28)

Quote: "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."—**Hudson Taylor**

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Galatians 6:7)

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

3. A STEWARDSHIP _____ (vv. 29–34)

Plan in _____ (vv. 29–30)

WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8)

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (John 6:27)

WE MUST LIVE BY FAITH

For we walk by faith, not by sight: (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Quote: "The more passionate our faith, the more consistent our giving."

Plan in _____ (v. 31)

SEEK HIM FIRST

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (Proverbs 3:9)

HE WILL PROVIDE

Plan for _____ (vv. 32–33)

Quote: "Use your affluence for eternal influence."

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 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. (1 Corinthians 16:1–2)

TITHE

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10)

OFFERINGS