

Serving in the Lord's Treasury

1. Stewards Should Manage and Enjoy God's Resources.

2. We're to *Allocate Resources for Ministry* in Significant Proportions.

3. Systematic & Thoughtfully Managing the Lord's Resources.

CONCLUSION: How we handle the money God entrusts to us testifies to His Lordship. There is a correlation between how you steward the material treasure God has entrusted to you and the spiritual treasure He will give you. We give as worship to God for what He has done for us and who He is. Let us do so together by faith in our Lord Jesus.

Galatians 6: 6 – 10

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Philippians 4: 14 – 20

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 16: 10 – 15

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³**No servant can serve two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

As Christ's kingdom expanded into Europe in Acts 16, we have seen God's people responding to His lordship with hospitality and compassion. How should Christ's lordship affect our view and use of the resources He has entrusted to our care and enjoyment?

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ 2Corinthians 9:6-15; Galatians 6:1-10; Philippians 4:10-20. DISCUSS, What does stewardship mean? Of what have we been made stewards? By whom? How does our faithful management and enjoyment of Christ's resources demonstrate His lordship? PRAY "Jesus, You are Lord of all. Please help us to submit to You in every aspect of our lives, individually, in our families, and together as a congregation at FCCW."

Sunday Evening

Young Adults Fellowship at 6:00 pm. Please come to FCCW's Library!

Monday

READ Matthew 25:14-30; Philippians 2:19-24 DISCUSS, in the talents parable, the first two servants demonstrate risk-taking obedience in their master. Why? How does the third servant differ? How did he view the master? How does Timothy's concern for Christ's interests demonstrate what the parable is commending? MEDITATE on **Phil 2:21**. PRAY, "Lord, You give us the incredible privilege of managing and enjoying Your resources. Help us to do so faithfully."

Tuesday

READ 2Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 16:9-12; 1Timothy 6:6-10. DISCUSS, what is the relationship between physical and spiritual wealth? Why? How does our faithfulness with visible things demonstrate our heart's attitude towards God whom we cannot see? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for being a trustworthy and good master. Teach us to be faithful to You."

Wednesday

READ **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Genesis 14:17-24; Hebrews 5:5-10; 7:1-10**
DISCUSS, Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. Why? How is Jesus connected to Melchizedek? Can you see how the tithe and various offerings are still a beginning of our gifts to Christ? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for fulfilling all that You promised. *You are a good and faithful Lord!* Help us serve you well.”

Thursday

READ **2Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15; Matthew 6:19-34**. DISCUSS, How do we lay up treasures in heaven? How does this demonstrate our being co-heirs with Christ? How much are you giving to the Lord through FCCW? 10%, 20%, 30% or more? Why? How does that show Christ’s Lordship? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY, “Lord, enable us to walk in Your ways. Guide us in Your truth.”

Friday

READ **2Corinthians 9:6-15; Philippians 2:9-11**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Philippians 2:21**. PRAY for faithfulness at FCCW and revival throughout the area.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **John 20:1-23**. Remember to register for the Maundy Thursday and Easter service(s) and invite your friends and neighbors to do the same!

Philippians 2: 21

**“For they all seek their own interests,
not those of Jesus Christ.”**