

Living Under Authority

"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. **For rebellion is as the sin of divination,** and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry."

1 Samuel 15:22-23

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"Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death."

Exodus 21:17

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1. Never compromise your involvement in doing the revealed will of God

"We must **obey God** rather than men."

Acts 5:29

A 5-Finger Grip on the Word



Stewardship of Treasures

Assumptions

1. The other core competencies form the foundation of this one
2. Ultimately, God is the owner of all our treasures (Psalm 24:1-2)
3. Ultimately, a person's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15)
4. Whatever we have we have received from God (John 3:27)
5. God does not need any of the treasures He has entrusted to us (Psalm 50:7-15)
6. Our stewardship reveals the condition of our hearts in terms of our responsiveness to the Lord, to His Spirit, and to His Word (Matthew 6:19-24)
7. Our stewardship impacts the fruitfulness of our church (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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Applications - How to develop the core competency of stewardship of treasures

1. Embrace the seven assumptions (and the rest of the Bible's teaching on stewardship) in your heart, on a heart-deep level
2. Embrace the importance of stewarding "small" treasures
3. Apply the seven assumptions across four activities of stewardship: supplying, sharing, saving, and spending (debt reduction, meeting needs and obligations, other legitimate, biblical priorities, and desires)
4. Apply the seven assumptions to what you keep (not just to income, but also to investments and other items of value)
5. Place equal priority (at a minimum) on sharing/giving
6. Communicate with God about your stewardship
7. Be intentional (make a plan, a budget, and work it)
