



# Stewardship of Treasures

**Treasure** = any income, investment, or item of value

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

**1. The other core competencies form the foundation of this one**

our life in the Word, our Walk, and our Witness

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

**2. Ultimately, God is the owner of all of our treasures**

Psalm 24:1 – “The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.”

Haggai 2:8 – “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.”

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

### 3. Ultimately, a person's life does NOT consist in the abundance of his possessions

Luke 12:15 – "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

### 4. Whatever we have we have received from God

John 3:27 – "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven."

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

### 5. God does not need any of the treasures He has entrusted to us

Psalm 50:12 – "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine."

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

**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 6:21 – “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:24 – “No one 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.”

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# Stewardship of Treasures

## Assumptions

**7. Our stewardship impacts the fruitfulness of our church**

2 Corinthians 9:6 – “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

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# 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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# Stewardship of Treasures

**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**

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

- 2. Embrace the importance of stewarding "small" treasures**

Luke 16:10 – "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much."

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

- 3. Apply the seven assumptions across the following four activities of your stewardship:**

- Supplying
- Sharing
- Saving
- Spending

(Debt reduction, Meeting your family's needs and obligations, Other)

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

**4. Apply the seven assumptions to what you keep (not just to income, but also to investments and other items of value)**

For example, how do you give away your home?

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

**5. Place equal priority (at a minimum) on sharing/giving in relation to supplying, saving, and spending**

Luke 8:14 – "...but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life..."

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

**6. Communicate with God**

Proverbs 3:5-6 and Matthew 25:14-30

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

## 7. Be intentional

Make a plan, a budget, and work it

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# Stewardship of Treasures

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

## 8. Seek counsel and accountability

Remember we are identifying stewardship as a matter of competency: beliefs, practices, and skills—these we acquire through counsel and accountability

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# Stewardship of Treasures

**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)
8. Seek counsel and accountability

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# Bonus Slides

Follow This One

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## Living separate FROM sin

### Guard your heart

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23)

"But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander." (Matthew 15:18-19)

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## Living separate FROM sin

- { Guard your heart
- { Be intentional and holding nothing back
- { Control your mind-gate
- { Choose your friends carefully
- { Plan communication strategies and escape routes
- { Choose your heroes carefully
- { Practice self-denial
- { Play it safe
- { Live beyond the prohibitions

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# Philippians 2:13

"For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

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## The Bible Is Relevant and Transforming

- gives **new birth** – 1 Peter 1:23 "Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God..."
- produces **faith** – Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
- stimulates **spiritual growth** – 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you grow up into salvation..."
- makes possible **holy living** – John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
- gives **victory over sin** – Psalm 119:11 "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
- delivers **help and comfort in times of trouble** – Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life."
- provides **guidance for life's decisions** – Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- facilitates **blessed outcomes** – Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."
- adds **substance to our witness** – Luke 21:15 "...for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict..."
- connects us to **the wonder of God's plan and will for us** – Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

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## A 5-Finger Grip on the Word



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