

# The High Privilege of Being God's Steward: A Biblical Theology for Enjoying "Stuff"





This is a sermon about honor, worship, and service **properly rendered to God** by His chosen, beloved servants here at Grace Church Williamsburg.

*“Walk as children of the light... trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5: 8, 10)*

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A **biblical** steward has a **stewardship** from God which involves the “careful management of the resources of the kingdom of God which have been entrusted to a person or group.”



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While **anyone** can be a steward, Peter tells us that believers have a special stewardship of the manifold (multifaceted) grace of God—His gifts of **special enablement** by the Holy Spirit at work in us.

A biblical steward **belongs to God** and **manages what belongs to God** (money, people, spiritual gifts, truth, time, material gifts)—everything that God gives to us.



## II. BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR STEWARDSHIP

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  - Make no mistake and do not be deceived: the idol of “more” is an issue of your heart’s worship, just as it is with any other sins in your life.



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*“The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with **worries** and **riches** and **pleasures** of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”* (Luke 8:14)



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*“Not even when one has an abundance does his life (zoe) consist of his possessions.”*

**Living** is not in the owning of **earthly** things.

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The **Do Nots** of Faithful Stewardship (how to enjoy your earthly stuff)

*Coming next Sunday...*

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