

The Biblical Stewardship of God's World!

Genesis 1: 26 - 31

Becoming Righteous Agents Series

1. Stewardship and the Believer. (Colossians 3: 9 – 10, 2 Corinthians 5: 9 - 10)

Christian people should surely have been in the vanguard of the movement for environmental responsibility, because of our doctrines of creation and stewardship. Did God make the world? Does he sustain it? Has he committed its resources to our care? His personal concern for his own creation should be sufficient to inspire us to be equally concerned. John Stott (1921 – 2011)

2. God is the DESIGNER and CREATOR. (Genesis 1: 1-25; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 24: 1)

3. God DESIGNATED Man to be the STEWARD of Creation. (Genesis 2: 26b – 31; 2: 15 – 20, 9: 1 - 2)

Application Points

1. The FOUNDATIONAL truth about Biblical Stewardship of the earth is that God is the CREATOR of EVERYTHING ex Nihilo (out of Nothing). NOTE: Creator/creature distinction!
2. God is not only the Creator, but He is also the OWNER of the UNIVERSE and everything within creation.
3. God created man in His IMAGE and LIKENESS. You are God's IMAGE bearer.
4. God DESIGNATED man to be His steward over all of creation. To RULE and/or have DOMINION.
5. Deviating from God's design for Stewardship has a DOMINO effect on HUMANITY towards DISASTER.