

# Principles of Stewardship

The focus of this article is to reveal the keys of eternal stewardship as they relate to financial matters.

## **PRINCIPLE 1 – ALL THINGS BELONG TO GOD**

***D&C 104: 14-15***

*I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth, my very handiwork; and **all things therein are mine.***

*And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for **all things are mine.***

In order for us to become financially free, we must first realize that God owns everything we own or may ever own. When we realize this truth, we begin to put the Lord back in control of our finances and experience the peace of his sovereignty.

## **PRINCIPLE 2 – WE ARE HIS STEWARDS**

***D&C 104: 11,13***

*It is wisdom in me; therefore, a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall organize yourselves and **appoint every man his stewardship;** For it is expedient that I, the Lord, should make every man accountable, as a **steward over earthly blessings,** which I have made and prepared for my creatures*

A steward is one who acts in the place of another who is the true lord or owner of what the steward is managing. Since all things belong to God, each of us is a steward over everything we have been given.

## **PRINCIPLE 3 – WE WILL BE JUDGED ON OUR STEWARDSHIP**

***D&C 104:12***

*That every man may **give an account unto me of the stewardship** which is appointed unto him.*

***D&C 51:19***

*And whoso is found faithful, a just and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of his Lord and shall inherit eternal life*

Someday, each and every one of us will stand before God and give an account of our earthly stewardship. We will be rewarded for wise

stewardship and be held accountable for that which was contrary to the law of God.

## **PRINCIPLE 4 - LORD HAS GIVEN COUNSEL ON GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

***Amos 3:7***

*Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.*

The Lord reveals his will through the prophets and there are many principles of financial stewardship, which the Lord has revealed. We will be blessed for following this counsel.

Some of this counsel includes

- The Law of tithing
- The Law of the fast
- Helping the Needy
- Avoiding Debt
- Preparing for the future
- Budgeting
- Praying for his guidance
- Building the Kingdom of God
- Self-reliance
- Prosperity and Obedience

As we follow his counsel, we and those around us will be blessed and we will be in a better position to bless others.

## **PRINCIPLE 5 – WE SHOULD BE A LIGHT TO OTHERS**

***D&C 88:81***

*Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor*

Any time we have been taught eternal principles, the lord wants to be a light to the world and teach Gods truth. This is also true in financial matters.

A cloud of Debt and bondage hangs over many in the world, it threatens the stability of families and nations.

We owe it to our neighbors to teach the principles of truth that the Lord has given us through his prophets.

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