

## Biblical Foundations

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it. —Psalm 24:1 NIV*

Stewardship begins with a proper understanding of God's ownership of everything.

Stewardship is an interesting term. We often equate it with giving. One of my good friends and longtime mentors, Ray Lyne, taught me, "Giving does not make one a steward. Giving is something a steward does. But it doesn't make him a steward." He stated that anyone with even one dollar of God's assets is a steward, regardless of what he does with it.

Stewardship is knowing that all that we have is God's. And, because it is His, we have the responsibility—and the privilege—to manage it for His glory.

Consider all that God has entrusted to you. The financial and material resources. The people He has placed in your life. Ask yourself what you can do to honor and please the Master through the way in which you handle those resources and relationships.

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