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Celebrating Our Past and Securing Our Future: Souls, Sites, Stewardship and Succession

42 DAYS OF VICTORY

DAY 22 - THE CHRISTIAN'S STEWARDSHIP

May 17, 2015

Stewardship Pre-supposes Sonship

Frequently I am asked, why churches have such a difficult time filling leadership positions, committee personnel, teaching opportunities, etc. Why are there always money problems in the church? (Actually churches do not have money problems. They have spiritual problems). Consider the following:

The scripture has relatively little to say about raising money, but much to say about using money. It is clearly taught and/or basically assumed that one who is a Christian is by nature a steward of everything that he is or that he possesses.

He has been redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. He has received a new life. He is indwelt by the Spirit of God and is empowered by His presence. He is a steward whether he wants to be or not.

My father used to say, "Son, you can't pick up one end of a stick without picking up the other end." He simply meant that every choice has consequences. When one chooses Christ as Savior, he also chooses to be a faithful steward, and to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful steward," or be an unfaithful steward and hear him say, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

I'm convinced that the reason many people have a problem with stewardship is that they are Christians, but are not committed to Christ. They accepted Christ as Savior, but not as Lord. They have never responded to the claim Christ has on their lives – their time, talent, and treasure. They ignore the Scriptural teachings concerning a Christian's life and presenting their lives a living sacrifice to Jesus Christ.

When it comes to giving they are like the little boy whose mother had given him two nickels. One was for church and the other for candy. When he got out of the car at church, he dropped one of the coins and it rolled in the drain. He looked down the grate and said, "Goodbye church nickel."



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In such a life there is no place for Christ and certainly no place for the church. There is no recognition that a Christian's life is to be lived in a stewardship relationship to Christ.

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There is another group. These study the Bible, attend the seminars, and never miss a lecture series. They listen to every tape that comes their way and read all the new books on spiritual living. They lift their hands in prayer and their voices in praise. The problem is that is all they do. This is inadequate! They forget that "faith without works is dead."

They are like Wahlstrom's wonder:

A mechanically minded man named Wahlstrom loved to tinker with gadgets. He would attend army surplus sales and come home carrying boxes filled with cogwheels, bells and lights. He converted one room in his home into a mechanical marvel. Press a button and small, intricate wheels rotated. Their gears meshed with other wheels until all around the room wheels would be whirring. As the last wheel turned, a light flicked on. Gradually, other lights flashed on and off like one gigantic Christmas tree. As the lights beamed brighter, a bell began to ring. Then other bells chimed in until the entire room became a huge carnival of whirring wheels, flashing lights and ringing bells.

One day a visitor said to Wahlstrom, "What does your contraption DO? What's the sense of it?" To which Wahlstrom replied, "Well, when you press the button, wheels turn, lights flash, and bells clang." "Yes, I can see that," replied the visitor. "But what does your fascinating invention do?" Wahlstrom could only reply, "Well, when you press the button, wheels turn, lights flash and bells clang."

Actually, there was nothing more to be said about the contraption. It had no other purpose than to whirl and flash and clang.

It makes a lot of noise and show but accomplishes nothing. No money is given. No work is done. No need is met. No ministry is performed. Nothing but noise!



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Suppose as a father, I am going to be away for the day, and I leave a note for my son. I tell him to mow the yard, edge the drive, weed the hedges, sweep the driveway and bag the cuttings.

When I return at the end of the day I find him reading and rereading my letter. He is diagramming the sentences, defining the words, and analyzing their meaning. He even sings songs to me and tells me how much he loves me.

What should I say? One phrase should cover it. "Son, prove your love by doing my work!" Sonship demands service. Valid Christianity results in sacrificial living. Paul expressed it this way – your giving is a proof of your love." (II Corinthians 8:24) It includes time, talent, touch, thought, treasure and testimony. Valid Sonship means valuable stewardship.

In other words, Sonship presupposes stewardship and we prove our Christianity and our love for Him by what we give of ourselves. Paul said that our giving of self and substance "proves our love! (II Corinthians 8:8).

**Lord, my prayer is that I too may be about
my Father's business and prove my love by doing so.**

DAY 23 - THE CHRISTIAN'S STEWARDSHIP

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Stewardship Recognizes Ownership

1 Corinthians 16:19-20

Someone was asked for the simplest definition of stewardship he knew. He immediately replied: HE OWNS IT ALL! Once we recognize this, most of our stewardship problems will be solved.

Listen to what the Bible says:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" ... and "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:1, 1:27)



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“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”
(Psalms 24:1)

“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.” (Psalms 50:10)

“Your silver and your gold is mine.” (I Kings 20:3)

This is clear. Everything is God’s by nature of creation and He has not surrendered the title of ownership to anyone at any time.

It is also true that ownership is His by our surrender to Him when we met Him. We know as the Bible teaches - “You are not your own. You are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God’s. (I Corinthians 6:19-20) We are “not redeemed with...silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ” (I Peter 1:18-19).

This sacrificial love of Christ for us is the motivating force that causes the Christian to surrender himself completely to the Savior. He becomes like the Macedonians who “first gave themselves to the Lord.” (II Corinthians 8:5)

How many times have you seen a business with a large sign that says, “Under New Management.” They are saying that the business is under new ownership. They are implying that things are different. Changes have been made.

This is certainly true in the Christian life. When it comes to obedience, the Christian must obey his Lord’s command and follow His leadership. You give up control to Him.

An aviation cadet, stricken with blindness while on a practice solo flight, radioed the control tower of his critical situation. This message came back: “Follow my instructions implicitly.” The control officer then kept the blinded cadet circling the landing field until it was completely cleared and an ambulance and other emergency equipment were waiting. Finally he radioed detailed directions. By following each order as it was given, the cadet was able to make a perfect landing without injury to himself or to his plane or anyone on the ground.

God is in the control tower of our lives. Unquestioned obedience to him is essential if we are to avoid many evils, errors, and even disaster.



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“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

This life requires faithfulness. The New Testament says, “It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.” (I Corinthians 4:2) Jesus taught this in His parables. He concluded his teaching by commending the obedient ones - “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.” (Matthew 25:21)

Our faithfulness is measured by the use of our time, talent, touch, thoughts, treasure and testimony. This means everything when we realize we shall also give an account of our stewardship.

This is most obvious when seen in the stewardship of our possessions. The Bible is clear. We all know this and yet we look for ways to avoid or evade responsibility.

Like Ogden Nash we say: “Why did God give us agility. If not to escape responsibility.”

We forget (or try to forget) that all we have is His. He owns it all. We struggle with how much of “my money” should I give when we should be saying how much of “God’s money” should I keep. It is all His!

This story from the past has a searching message for today’s Christian.

Many years ago a man had the highly responsible position of caring for a lighthouse on a rugged coast. Each month he received a new supply of oil to keep the beacon shining to warn ships of their danger.

Visitors often called on the keeper. A woman from the nearby village came to him and pleaded for a bottle of oil to use in the stove to keep her children warm. A father asked for a little oil that his son might have fuel for the lamp by which he studied his lessons. Other visitors came and begged oil for various purposes, all of which seemed reasonable enough. The keeper gave a jar here and a bottle there of the precious oil until toward the end of the month he noticed that the supply tank was nearly empty.

One night the light of the beacon went out, because there was no more oil. It was a stormy night and that evening three ships crashed upon the rocky coast.



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The Keeper was apologetic but the reply of the officials was firm, "You were given one task: you were a steward of the light! The tragedy is your fault."

And Jesus said, "Give an account of your stewardship." (Luke 16:2)

**Lord, I want to handle my life and everything in it as a steward.
You own everything and You own all of me. Help me to be a "well done" kind of
steward.**

DAY 24 - THE CHRISTIAN'S STEWARDSHIP

May 19, 2015

Stewardship Involves Partnership

1 Corinthians 3:9

We have all heard about the flea who hitched a ride on the elephant. When they crossed a bridge the flea said, "We really shook that bridge didn't we?"

When the Bible says, "We are fellow laborers with God" it is not saying we are equal in our impact but that we are necessary for God's work in this world. He has chosen to allow us to help accomplish His purpose.

What a privilege this is! What an honor! A relationship with Royalty! The Lord God who created and sustains this universe is ready to join hands with us to do His work today. We enter into a partnership relationship with the Christ who loves us and gave himself for us. This is our stewardship responsibility. You know the poem that begins: "He has no hands but our hands to do His work today." What a responsibility!!

Oh but the problem comes when we fail in our part. Remember this parable of Jesus. The father tells the first son to work in the vineyard. The son says, "Yes, I'll go" but he never goes. To the



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second son He says, “Go work in my vineyard.” This son says, “No I won’t work” but later he changed his mind and worked in the vineyard. Jesus asked the question, “Which one did the will of the father?” The one who worked! (Matthew 21:28-31)

Jesus is saying that uselessness, the failure to serve, is a sin. We make mistakes but even the worst of mistakes can be rectified. We may fall into serious sin but God is merciful and will forgive. If however, we do nothing, achieve nothing, are good for nothing then His work goes undone and we stand condemned.

The real enemies of the church are not those “outsiders” who do evil but those “insiders” who fail to do good. The priest and Levites in His parable of “The Good Samaritan” were not condemned for abusing the man but for failing to help. This was their condemnation.

In the parable of the talents the same truth is obvious. The one talent man was cast into outer darkness not for abuse of his talent, but that he made no use of it.

We face the same accountability in our service or lack of it. We should have given sacrificially but didn’t. We would have served but didn’t. We often are like the “barren fig tree” (Mark 11:13, 14) Jesus spoke of. It was all leaves, but no fruit. It offered great promise, but no performance. It was all show and no go.

In our sacrificial giving we are in partnership with Christ. We give and He blesses us and uses the gift for His glory and the enrichment of His church.

When Charles Fuller was pastor of First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia he wrote this article, which speaks to us during our **LEGACY 20/20** program.

There is a sizable addition to the First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, which had its financial beginnings with a five-dollar gift and an attached note written by a seven-year-old boy who had earned the money helping a friend on a paper route. The note and gift were placed on the pastor’s desk.

The message in the note was simple. It read, “For building.”



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The meticulous grammarian would insist that the lad omitted an article, “the,” but perhaps the statement was more accurate without the article. The lad was for building...for building a plant...for building a ministry...for building a fellowship...for building a people...

When the congregation was challenged by that seven-year-old’s spirit of giving, it developed a new countenance on the face of its stewardship. As a result there is a building today...fully paid for...being used to minister in the name of Christ...and there is another building already under construction.

This is being in partnership with God. This is being His fellow laborers. This is stewardship, which results in our growth and His glory.

Someone once said, “I would have been proud to have picked up the brush that fell from the hand of Michelangelo, to have carried the pen and ink of Milton, to have held the telescope for Columbus, to have run errands for Shakespeare, or to have pumped the bellows of the organ as Handel played his majestic music. Oh to have been a part of those great men.”

But wait how much more wonderful to do the same for Christ today. How exciting to be His partners – to be His hands to do His work, to be His voice to tell His story, to be His heart to give and sacrifice for His glory.

Lord, thank you for allowing me to be your partner. Help me to be neither a silent nor a passive partner, but an active worker – a positive part of this team.



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DAY 25- THE CHRISTIAN'S STEWARDSHIP

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Stewardship Acknowledges Lordship

Philippians 2:10-11

The heart of Stewardship for the Christian is the declaration that Jesus Christ is Lord of one's life. It begins with salvation - "Believe on Jesus Christ as Lord and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). It ends on a human level at death. In between these two points in time, we are His stewards based on His Lordship. This is not an option for the Christian either now nor in eternity.

Evidently there were some, as there are today, who called Jesus Christ Lord but did not obey Him nor act as though He was Lord. To these Jesus asked, "Why call me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) Jesus was saying that to use the word and not do the work is wrong.

1. It is incorrect - The term Lord means "sovereign ruler", "master", "supreme authority", etc. Not to obey His commands is to misuse the term.
2. It is insufficient - Simply saying, "Jesus is my Lord" is not adequate. The Bible says, "Faith without works is dead." The test of Lordship is that one does the will of the Lord for His life.
3. It is inconsistent - To acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord is to obey Him in every way. It means one's life is one of love and loyalty, service and sacrifice. Anything less is inconsistent with the term and with the Christ. It is hypocritical!
4. It is insecure - Jesus said, not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 7:21) "I will say to them, I never knew you, depart from me." Many have a false sense of security because they use the term "Lord" so freely, yet do not do the things He demands. The judgment is final.

On the other hand those who say Jesus Christ is Lord and obey His commands to live and love, to give and to sacrifice, are secure and joyous for their life is "in Christ Jesus." This solves so much



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and gives guidance to everything when Jesus Christ is Lord of my life. One seeks to know God's will, and then does it. To use an old idea and a current question: "What Would Jesus Do?" determines the attitude and action.

Now what are the implications for us today as we think of our stewardship based on the Lordship of Christ.

1. It means that we determine God's will for our lives. Through prayer, Bible study, the witness of our fellow Christians and leading of the Holy Spirit.
2. It certainly involves the giving of time, talent, and treasure "as He has prospered you." (I Corinthians 16:2)
3. It does demand sacrifice. One cannot "follow" Christ without sacrificial living. The Bible says that we are to present ourselves as "living sacrifices."

Soon we shall have the opportunity of demonstrating that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives as we receive and willingly return our commitment card for LEGACY 20/20.

Our sacrificial commitment whether it be a thousand dollars or several hundred thousand dollars will indicate whether or not Jesus Christ is really Lord of our lives. The amount is not determined by how much someone else gives but again "as He has prospered you."

Here are some modern day examples of sacrifice. These are actual people just like you who faced the same decision you are facing. They had the same fears that you have, but they had a faith far greater than their fear.

- ◆ Here is a young single mother of two children. She struggled to make ends meet, but she loved her Lord and her church. She couldn't think of anything she could do beyond her regular tithe. She testified that as she prayed the Lord seemed to be saying, "You can give a second tithe for these three years. Trust me!"

On Vow Sunday she made this her commitment. Sometime later she shared with her Pastor that a month later her supervisor called her into his office and said she was promoted with a salary that was fifty percent more than she had been making.



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- ◆ Here is a couple who had been setting aside in savings a thousand dollars a month. This was to supplement their regular retirement program. At the time this special savings had grown to over a hundred thousand dollars. They decided that they would make this their

sacrificial commitment saying, “We have years to add to our retirement and our church needs this now. To us this is a sacrifice and we gladly make it for our God.”

As the writer of Hebrews says, “Time would fail me to tell of” countless others who by faith stepped forward to do God’s will (Hebrews 11:33). You can also, by faith, do God’s will! “As God has prospered you.”

Lord, you are my Lord and I want to be and do all the things that show you that I am a good manager of all you have placed in my care. I have the faith to do your will.

DAY 26 - THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP MANUAL

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The Bible is Our Map Part I

2 Timothy 2:15

A young boy came home from Bible School and immediately went to his room and began to sing. His mother went to see what was happening. She found him standing on his Bible singing. “Why are you standing on your Bible?” I learned it in Bible School today, he answered. You know momma. We sang:

The B-I-B-L-E — yes that’s the book for me.

I stand alone on the word of God

The B-I-B-L-E — BIBLE!

He may have missed the figurative meaning, but he had the right idea. The Bible is the book we stand on. It is the map for the Christian’s journey from cradle to grave.



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It is God's inspired word to us.

The path before us all is an unknown one. It may be confusing and difficult – even dangerous – at times. Before us, may be potholes and debris, which could result in injury or even death. It could be like an unmarked highway with detours. It is all so confusing. Which way shall I go? What road shall I take?

Since God loves us so much He has given us the Bible, an authoritative map to direct us on our Christian pilgrimage. It is of no value to us, however, unless we know its contents.

Every year the Bible is the best seller on the market. That is not a bad record for a book that is over 2000 years old.

But it makes no difference how many Bibles are sold, if they are not read and believed and followed. It is sad that the Bible may be the best sold and the least read and understood book in the world.

For example:

A man attended an auction and heard the auctioneer ask: "What am I offered for this beautiful bust of John Milton?" A man in the crowd called out, "That's not Milton. It's Shakespeare." To which the auctioneer replied: "Well folks, that's one on me. Shows how little I know about the Bible."

I think this is the reason God challenges us to "Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needs not to be ashamed." (II Timothy 2:15) Notice we are to study the word of God. We are to approach it with a hunger to know God's message for our lives and with an eagerness to obey His commands.

The verse says we are to show ourselves "approved unto God." The word translated "approved" means to be tested and to meet the standard of the one testing. In practical terms it means you have read God's word, obeyed His commands, followed His directions and He has placed His stamp of approval on your life.



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You may not have the “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval,” but you can have God’s. Remember, if you please God it doesn’t matter who else you displease and if you displease God it doesn’t matter who else you please.

My wife was a tremendous Christian and a devout Bible scholar with graduate degrees. The Bible was the map for her life!

In her later years she had Alzheimer’s with all its problems. She was unable to remember names, faces, and places. I discovered an amazing thing however.

The Alzheimer unit where she was being cared for had Bible study sessions, which she attended regularly. When asked a question she would quote the Scripture verses and interpret them fluently. I asked her on one occasion - “You tell me you can’t remember things, that your mind just won’t work, yet you can quote long passages of the Bible and pray clearly. How do you explain it?” Her reply was, “I remember them with my heart, not my mind.”

There was never a time when she was not aware of His presence. Like the Psalmist she said, “Thy word have I hid in my heart.” When the “Word” is in your heart God is there also.

I have a bachelor friend who says, “I can marry anyone I please. Unfortunately, so far I haven’t found anyone I please.”

Our supreme desire is to please our Savior and to do this we must find, follow, and faithfully obey the direction given in His map for our lives - the Bible.

At first we may not find our Lord’s teachings of stewardship, for example, to be appealing but when we begin to obey, we discover that it truly is, “more blessed to give than receive.” And as our map leads us into eternity we shall hear His words, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

***Lord, it is the desire of my heart to hide your word in my heart
so that I may serve you and give with a willing heart.***



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The Bible is Our Guide Part II

John 16:12-14

Our manual for Christ-like living is the Bible! Many times, however, we hear people say, “I try to read the Bible but I can’t understand it” It’s not the part that they don’t understand that causes problems for people, it is the part that they do understand.

Perhaps they are saying what the Ethiopian said to Philip. Remember the story in Acts. Philip was going from Jerusalem to Gaza when he met “a man of great authority” who was reading from the prophet Isaiah. Phillip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “How can I unless I have someone to guide me?” (Acts 8:26-40)

God long ago recognized the need and provided the answer — the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to the disciples, I have many things to share with you but you are not ready, but when the “spirit is come He will guide you into all truth.” Today the Holy Spirit simply awaits the invitation to guide us in understanding the Bible and living the Christian life.

The Bible is God’s inspired word to us – “all scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (II Timothy 3:16) Holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Today the same Spirit waits to guide us to understanding the manual God has given – **The Bible**.

- ▶ He who inspired the Bible must interpret it.
- ▶ He who authored the Bible must apply it.
- ▶ He who moved upon men to record God’s word must move upon men to receive it.

Without the Holy Spirit we may:



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- ▶ Know the words but miss the wonder.
- ▶ Read the sentence but miss the substance.
- ▶ Understand the grammar but miss the greatness
- ▶ Grasp its history but miss **His Story**.

In fact, we will never know the life it gives, the light it sheds nor the love it reveals without the Holy Spirit's moving in our hearts and minds.

When we invite the Holy Spirit to help us to understand the Bible as we read and study it He will:

1. Lead us to **accept it** as God's word and as God's unique message to us. We realize that the word is speaking directly to us. As the Philippian jailer we ask, "what must I do to be saved," and the answer comes, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." (Acts 16:30)
2. Lead us to **apply** the truth to our personal need at the time. There are times when He needs to "convict of sin, righteousness and judgment." There are other times when He needs to force us to see ourselves as looking into a mirror. There are other times when He reveals to us the God of all comfort and brings peace to our turmoil.

There are other times when major decisions need to be made (such as your part in **LEGACY 20/20**). We read the word and pray and the Holy Spirit leads us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus to sacrificial commitment.

3. Lead us to **allow** the word to be "a light unto my path and a lamp unto my feet." (Psalm 119:105)
 - a. When there is worry He leads us to "cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you." (I Peter 5:7)
 - b. When there is failure He points us to "confess your sin for He is faithful and just to forgive." (I John 1:9)
 - c. When there is turmoil He point us to Jesus' words, "...Peace I give to you..." (John 14:27)
 - d. When there is sorrow and separation He says, "Let not your heart be troubled ... in my Father's house are many mansions." (John 14:1-2)
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- e. When there is reluctance, even rebellion, He reminds us that obedience to the Father is the only happy way. "...To **obey** is better than sacrifice..." (1 Samuel 15:22)
- f. When there is selfishness he guides to the words, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over..." (Luke 6:38)

***Lord, may your Holy Spirit guide my heart and mind
as I seek to be a part of your will for our church.***

DAY 28 - THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP MANUAL

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The Christian's Instruction

Someone has said that the Word of God:

- Commenced history;
- Controls history; and shall
- Consummate history.

Today God has given us His written Word – The Bible. His Word gives us His directions for Christ-like living. If we follow the directions there is joy. If not, there is sorrow.

Let's decide right now that we are going to follow the directions God has given us as Christians. He gave us instructions concerning:

1. Sacrifice – "I plead with you to present your bodies as living sacrifices." (Romans 12:1-2)
We soon discover that Christ-life living requires sacrifice, which begins to make demands on our time, talent and treasure.



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If we obey the instructions, there is success. If not, there is failure. Remember — when all else fails read the instructions.

2. Service – The Word tells us “We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for the purpose of good works.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) In fact, we discover that our faith is not valid if not accompanied by good works for Christ and in His name. As James 2:20 says, “Faith without works is dead.”
3. Stewardship – Jesus taught that we are all stewards of everything we are and everything we possess. The Apostle Paul said, “it is required of stewards that one be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Certainly this includes all of the above and much more, but let’s look at one major area of stewardship – our possessions.

As we are considering LEGACY 20/20, the special program our church is now involved in, we need to earnestly consider what God would have us do – what our sacrificial gift should be. To arrive at this amount we need to follow the directions of our guidebook, the Word of God.

We must pray. You will never know what you ought to do without prayer. God already knows! He knows your future and what He has planned for your life. In prayer He will lay that amount on your heart. Time after time a husband and a wife have prayed separately and then when they compared figures they were the same. God had been at work. “Call me and I will answer and show you great and mighty things beyond your imagination.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

We must obey by faith. Frequently when God has revealed a figure whether it be a thousand dollars or a hundred thousand or more the first reaction has been “we can’t do that!” Yet when faith stepped in and prayer continued to commitment, the affirmation was made, “We can and by faith we will.”

A pastor friend of mine tells the following story. His church was in a stewardship program such as the one we are now in. Every member was urged to prayerfully consider what each one should give. One day a lady approached him, handed him a check for \$5,000. And asked “Is that enough?” The pastor answered, “If it represents you and your love for Christ and His church.”



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A few days later she returned asked for her check back and handed him another one for "\$25,000. and again asked, "Is that enough?" The pastor gave the same answer, "If it represents you and your love for Christ and His church."

A short time later the lady called for an appointment to see the pastor. This time she handed the pastor a check for \$50,000. With tears streaming down her cheeks she said, "God would not let me forget what you said. I have prayed and this represents me and my love for Christ and His church – our church."

God asks you, "Will your commitment to LEGACY 20/20 represent you, your love for Christ and His church?"

**Lord, I do love You and our church, and I want my gift
to represent the depth of my love for you and your church. Speak to my heart and
let my commitment speak to Yours.**
