



Stewardship

1. Discover the Bible principles of stewardship by answering the following questions:
 - a. What does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 say about the stewardship of the body?
 - b. What does Matthew 25:15 tell us about the stewardship of talents?
 - c. What does Colossians 4:5 say about the stewardship of time?
 - d. What does John 3:16 tell us about who owns the earth?
 - e. What does Genesis 1:26 say about who is the steward over the earth?
 - f. What does Proverbs 3:9 say about who is always first?
 - g. How do we know that tithe means a tenth? Genesis 28:22
 - h. Who does Leviticus 27:30 say the tithe belongs to?
 - i. How does Malachi 3:8 say that God is robbed?
 - j. What does 1 Corinthians 9:13,24 say about the use of the tithe?
 - k. How do we know that the tithe is different from offerings? Malachi 3:8
 - l. What does 1 Corinthians 16:2 say about how we are to give our offerings?
 - m. What does Matthew 6:20 say about where to keep our treasures?
 - n. What does 2 Corinthians 9:7 say about our attitude in giving?
 - o. What promised blessing is given in Malachi 3:10?
 - p. What does Psalms 24:1 tell us about who owns the earth?
2. Read and discuss with your counselor or pastor the following: Section IV (pp. 111 to 130); paragraph 1 and 2, p. 14; and paragraph 1, p. 66 of *Counsels on Stewardship* written by Ellen G. White.
3. Learn what is done with the tithe in your local church, your local conference, your union, and the General Conference.
4. From your pastor, church treasurer, or elder learn about your church budget, what finances your church must meet and the purpose of each item listed on your church tithe and offering envelope.
5. Keep a chart on how you spend your time for one weekend and one week day. In this chart make a list of how much time you spend in the following areas:

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| a. Work for pay | j. Sleep |
| b. Family time | k. Personal needs |
| c. Personal devotions | l. Class time |
| d. Public worship | m. School study |
| e. Family worship | n. Travel |
| f. Fun things | o. Music lesson |
| g. Reading | p. Music practice |
| h. Television | q. Home chores |
| i. Meals | r. Shopping |

For each of the three days be sure your time adds up to 24 hours. After completing the chart, discuss with your pastor or counselor your responsibility in the stewardship of your time.

6. Do one of the following:
 - a. If you have an income-producing job or an allowance, make a list of how you spend your money for one month.
 - b. If you are not in the category above, make a list of how you would spend an income of \$50 a month in the following categories:
 - (1) Clothes
 - (2) Entertainment
 - (3) Eating out

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- (4) Gifts
- (5) Personal items (toiletries)
- (6) School supplies
- (7) Tithe and offerings
- (8) Transportation

From your list determine what percentage of your total income is spent on each item. After completing the chart and percentages, discuss with your pastor or counselor the advantages of a budget and how to stay within a budget.

- 7. From the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White determine what instruction has been given concerning the variety and use of God-given talents.
- 8. List three talents or skills that you have, such as building things, mechanics, gardening, painting or drawing, writing, speaking, music, teaching, sewing, etc. Choose one of these three talents and do a project to help develop you talent further. Your project must follow these guidelines:
 - a. The project is to be a benefit or outreach to others.
 - b. The project is to be a new endeavor not previously accomplished.
 - c. Spend at least five hours in the planning and implementation of the project.
 - d. Present a written or oral report to your counselor about your project.

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