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C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H

SIX STEPS TO PROCESS FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

STEP 1: Recognize God Owns Everything

I am steward of what He entrusts me with and I am accountable to Him for how I manage these resources. God has two desires for how I use His resources:

- provide for my family (food, clothing, shelter, and enjoyment).
- invest in what He is doing.

STEP 2: Pray God Would Expose and Soften My Heart To His Purposes.

This includes asking Him to speak to me through His Word and committed followers of Christ who are in my life (biblical community). As I pray, I ask for better understanding of what faithfulness looks like versus what our culture teaches and ruts I get stuck in based on numbers/percentages.

STEP 3: Spend Time In God's Word

Recognize it is not about how much I give but more importantly how much should I keep or allocate to my standard of living versus deploying resources for His work elsewhere.

Utilize :

- Matt 6:19-21
- Luke 12:18-21
- Acts 2: 42-47
- Acts 4: 32-35
- I Timothy 6: 6-10; 17-18

- Deut 8:18
- II Cor. 8: 2-5
- II Cor. 9: 6-11
- Prov 11: 25
- Eccl 5;10-12
- Rev. 3: 17-18

STEP 4: Review Cash Flow

Review monthly and annual cash flow receipts and what we spend. Ask God to expose ways I am not being faithful in how I am stewarding His resources and celebrate ways I am being faithful.

Allow my biblical community to speak into this and either affirm or be utilized to help expose areas for improvement.

STEP 5: Inventory All I Have

Take inventory of everything I have (bank accounts, investments, real estate, etc). Ask God to show me ways I am not being faithful with His resources and celebrate/affirm the ways I am. Allow my biblical community to speak into this and affirm or help expose areas for improvement.

STEP 6: Respond faithfully

Note: We encourage you to include your kids as part of this process as appropriate based on their ages. Allow them to also go through the same process with what God has given them.