

Great Stewardship Quotes

Heaven, not earth, is our home. Thus we should live for eternity, not for the present...

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" St. Augustine

"We are halfhearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are far too easily pleased" – C.S. Lewis

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity" – John Wesley

Giving is the antidote to materialism. Our hearts go where our money goes....

"Money never stays with me. It would burn me if it did. I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it should find its way into my heart" – John Wesley

God owns everything. We're his money stewards (managers)...

God comes right out and tells us why He gives us more money than we need. It's not so we can find more ways to spend it. It's not so we can indulge ourselves and spoil our children. It's not so we can insulate ourselves from needing God's provision. It's so we can *give* – generously.

When God provides more money, we often think, *This is a blessing*. Well, yes, but it would be just as scriptural to think, *This is a test*.

The money manager has legitimate needs, and the Owner is generous -- He doesn't demand that His stewards live in poverty, and He doesn't resent our making reasonable expenditures on ourselves. But suppose the Owner sees us living luxuriously in a mansion, driving only the best cars, and flying first class? Or buying only expensive clothes and electronic gadgets and eating at the best restaurants? Isn't there a point when, as His stewards, we can cross the line of reasonable expenses? Won't the Owner call us to account for squandering money that's not ours?

We're called God's servants, and we're told it's required of us that we "prove faithful" (1 Cor 4:2). We're God's errand boys and delivery girls. We should keep that in mind when we set our salaries. Let's not have an inflated view of our own value. We don't own the store. We just work here!

Suppose you have something important you want to get to someone who needs it. You wrap it up and hand it over to the FedEx guy. What would you think if instead of delivering the package, he took it home, opened it, and kept it for himself? You'd say, "This guy doesn't get it. The packages don't belong to him. He's just the middleman. His job is to get them from me to the person I want him to hand them off to."

Just because God puts His money in our hands doesn't mean He intends for it to stay there! – Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

"When the Lord returns, what will happen to all the money sitting in bank accounts, retirement programs, estates and foundations? It will burn like wood, hay and straw, when it could have been given in exchange for gold, silver and precious stones. Money that could have been used to feed the hungry and fulfill the great commission will go up in smoke." – Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

God prospers us to raise our standard of giving, not our standard of living....

At the end of the movie *Schindler's List*, there's a heart-wrenching scene in which Oskar Schindler – who bought from the Nazis the lives of many Jews – looks at his car and his gold pin and regrets that he didn't give more of his money and possessions to save more lives. Schindler had used his opportunity far better than most. But in the end, he longed for a chance to go back and make better choices. – Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

Five minutes after we die, we'll know exactly how we should have lived. Ask yourself, *Five minutes after I die, what will I wish I would have given away while I still had the chance?* When you come up with the answer, why not give it away now? – Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

When those with too much give to those with too little, two problems are solved. When they don't, two problems are perpetuated. God distributes wealth unevenly not because He loves some of His children more than others, but so His children can distribute it to their brothers and sisters on His behalf. (remember Acts 2:42-47) – Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*