

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

DOES OUR WALK MIRROR THEOLOGY?

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

-Isaac Watts

I. Review

- A. What is Stewardship?
- B. Signs of a Faithful Steward
- C. Learning from the Life of Paul

II. Gratefulness to God

- A. Leads to subtle and pervasive sin of Complaining
 - 1. Expression of Arrogance before and Arrogance against God
 - a. God is not Indifferent
 - b. Numbers 11
 - c. I Corinthians 10
 - 2. Reveals absence of humility—I see no reason for this!
 - a. John Calvin on Job—Does God have just cause?
 - b. Murmuring is rising against God
- B. What effect can we have on our churches?
 - 1. Protect our children
 - 2. Assign a high priority

III. Faith for the Future

- A. Impressive Confidence
 - 1. Hebrews 11 (particularly verse 6)
 - 2. All failures can be traced to a defect of Faith
 - a. Faith enlivens our work!
 - b. If life appears difficult, that reveals the presence of unbelief
 - c. Make sure the object of our Faith is correct!
 - d. "Whitfield and Wesley might preach the gospel better than I can, but..."
 - 3. Isaiah 55 (particularly verse 11)
- B. Theological Rallying Cry—What is required in Stewards?

IV. Affection for Others

- A. Do we value all God has given us?
- B. Is our stewardship something that benefits ALL God has given us?
 - 1. Affection should be informed by the gospel
 - 2. Never seek to care (or correct) without an awareness of Calvary

V. Concepts, Images, Practices

- A. Faithful after Class is Over?
- B. A Challenge for Next Week and Beyond