

# **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP**

## **DO WE FALL SHORT?**

*Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! Melt my eyes to tears, but drops of grief can never repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give my self away 'tis all that I can do.*

**- Isaac Watts**

### **I. Review**

- A. Must a Christian be a Steward
- B. Recognizing our Endowment

### **II. Looking at the Nature of the Steward**

- A. The "superstar" of creation
  - 1. Created in God's image—Man's Dignity
    - a. Personal, Rational, Moral, Volitional
    - b. Spiritual being with an eternal soul
  - 2. Fallen Creatures—Man's Depravity
    - a. Material being with a Finite physical being
    - b. Usurper of ownership
  - 3. Restoration and Redemption!!
- B. We need to always keep in view both man's dignity and depravity!!

### **III. Our job as Vice-Regent**

- A. Primary Relationship with God
  - 1. Theology—Queen of the Sciences
  - 2. Other Relationships (Psychology, Sociology, Ecology, Metaphysics...)
- B. Coram Deo—Psalm 1
  - 1. Proverbs 11
  - 2. Ecclesiastes 4
  - 3. Proverbs 12
  - 4. Colossians 2:3
- C. All secondary relationships defined in context of relationship to God
  - 1. Creator is glorified by serving the lower
  - 2. Man is glorified by
    - a. Serving Others
    - b. Stewarding Creation in God's stead
  - 3. Impacted by Sin/Transformed by the Gospel

### **IV. Concepts, Images, Practices**

- A. Learning from Habakkuk
- B. After We Recognize our Endowment
  - 1. Church, Prayer, Functions
  - 2. Leading into Money