

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH MONEY

Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessing fall on me.

- Judson W. Van DeVenter,

I. Review

- A. Recognizing our Endowment
- B. God's Economy

II. Through the Money we Give

- A. Tithes and Special Offerings
 - 1. What was the requirement historically?
 - 2. What was done
 - a. Ignored
 - b. Substituted for a righteous life
- B. Communalism
 - 1. Is this a political statement?
 - 2. Should our churches function this way?
- C. Working and Giving Generously
 - 1. Does this incorporate the other two?
 - 2. Less legalistic or merely adding spirit to commandment?

III. Through the Ministries we Support

- A. Supported directly by those ministered to
- B. Supported From Outside the ministry
- C. Supported in Full or in Part by "Secular" Work
- D. Plans to Increase Giving

IV. Be Wise about Christian Stewardship

- A. Giving Must Be
 - 1. Worshipful?
 - 2. Systematic?
 - 3. Personal, Individual?
 - 4. Proportionate?
- B. Paul's Helpers

V. Concepts, Images, Practices

- A. After We Recognize God speaks to us
 - 1. What is God Telling Me?
 - 2. Should I Budget? How?
- B. A Challenge for Next Week and Beyond