

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Simple Stewardship for Working Christians



There are three (3) areas where stewardship must always be monitored as it relates to Working Christians:

- (1) the use of time;
- (2) the use of supplies; and
- (3) the respect for authority.

Why are these three so critical? They represent an area that is abused and its abuse has brought shame and dishonor to the name of God.

Many are not aware that what they do speak louder than the testimony they give.

Working Christians have been given the opportunity to lead others to Christ. Unfortunately, their actions on the job have caused many to turn from God because of the hypocrisy they see daily.

Honor or dishonor? What are you doing at your job? There is only one answer and you know the truth. We give honor as good stewards or we bring shame to the cross of Christ.

Working Christians should not fail in their stewardship responsibilities in the area of their use of time, their use of supplies or their respect for authority.

This outline should serve as a guide to understanding the Simple Stewardship Plan of God.



Stewardship of Time

The Working Christian realizes that they are under a contractual agreement with their employer to provide “X” amount of hours for “X” amount of pay. That is, the employer provides payment and any associated benefits in expectation for services to be provided.

The contract is binding and should be completed with honesty and integrity as long as the contract is in place.

Failure of the Working Christian to begin their work day on time, to extend breaks and lunch periods beyond the agreed time limits, or complete personal or non work-related business during the work time is a sin, as noted in the word of God.

Note: You have been paid for working for your employer during a time when you were not. That is stealing and lying. The Holy Word of God calls it sin.

Scripture Reference: Proverbs 15:3; Ephesians 6:5-7;
I Corinthians 8:9-13 (key verse 12);
Colossians 3:17



Stewardship of Supplies

Your children have a school project and you need a few sheets of colored paper, just a couple of pens, some paper clips, tape, a few copies, and 10 rubber bands. *“Everyone does it, and the company knows what’s going on. We throw out more than this a week. I’ve worked some overtime and it all works out in the end.”*

The point is, it’s stealing and you’re lying. You are taking what was purchased for the benefit of the business and you are using it for personal use. Cost to the company was incurred because you have used the supplies for your needs. Your action has jeopardized your testimony and dishonored the cross of Christ.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 10:13 & 31
I Corinthians 6:19 & 20; Colossians 3:22-25
Matthew 7:20

If what you do is not of faith it is sin. We are stewards that represent the King of Kings.

Who did you represent today?



Respect for Authority

Jesus taught his disciples to follow so they might learn to lead. I am sure Peter had a better idea of what should be done. In a few instances; however, he failed to understand the key: **JESUS WAS A FOLLOWER TOO**. Jesus, the Son of God, yielded His will to that of His father. That is why He could accomplish so much.

In our world, we are sometimes forced to work for supervisors that have no respect for or any knowledge of our God. It is our job to show the love of God in all circumstances in order to bring glory and honor to Him.

We must be prayerful and willing to stand fast on the word of God. There is no room for compromising with sin. Our stand should be direct and with respect.

The Bible points to many examples of God's people who suffered under sinful leadership. Yet, because they put their trust in God and obeyed His word, God was with them and brought them out with His mighty hand.

Each day, look for the opportunities to witness for God. It does not matter if your earthly supervisor is good or evil -- we work as unto God, not as unto man.

There is a cost for leadership. Many times the road we choose is not always clear or correct. Bad decisions are costly and highly published, while good decisions go unpraised.

Leaders need our prayers, support, and honesty. When it is impossible to support them we should seek God's direction as to what we should do. We praise openly and disagree in private. Above all, we never forget whom we really work for.

Great leaders have great follow-ship skills. How do you rank?

Scripture Reference: Luke 22:42; Psalm 37; Genesis 39-41;
Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25

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