

OWNER OR STEWARD?

Series: *Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands*

– I Chronicles 29:1-12 –

Stewardship Myths:

1. Stewardship is not just another word for _____, stewardship is a _____.
2. Stewardship is not a source of _____ for the church, it is a _____ for those committed to Jesus Christ.
3. Stewardship is not so much about _____, as it is about _____.
4. Stewardship doesn't start in your _____ until it starts in your _____.

A steward acknowledges:

1. Everything _____ to God.
(I Chronicles 29:10-11)
2. Everything _____ from God.
(I Chronicles 29:12a; Deut. 8:17-18)
3. Everything is _____ by God.
(I Chronicles 29:12b)

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. What models of generosity were you raised with: (a) "Neither a borrower or a lender be"? (b) "Give unto others as they give unto you"? (c) "You can't out-give God"? (d) Other?
3. Imagine yourself being present in the temple as the twelve-year-old Jesus hears this chapter read and discussed by the Jewish teachers. What verses do you think would most impress Him, and what questions or comments do you suppose He might have spoken?
4. How would David respond to the phrase, "God wants you to be happy, healthy and successful"?
5. How does David's fund raising strategy rate against all the financial appeals you receive?
6. If outside auditors were to look over your checkbook, what would they conclude about your top loyalties? Would they conclude that you are an "owner" or a "steward"?