

		<b>sermon notes</b> November 15, 2015 Pastor John Speight The Principles of Stewardship <small>LISTEN, GET NOTES + SHARE AT CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/MEDIA</small>
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**What does Stewardship mean?**

- Stewardship is the responsibility of carefully managing some assets, affairs, or property entrusted to your care.
- Stewardship is managing something that is not your own.

Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*  
 Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

**THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF STEWARDSHIP IS**

**God** \_\_\_\_\_

*The heavens declare the glory of God.* Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.* Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

*For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible ... all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*  
Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

**THE SECOND PRINCIPLE OF STEWARDSHIP IS**

**God expects you to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of His creation.**

*God blessed the man and the woman and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."* Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*  
Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

## The Benefits of Biblical Stewardship

1. Your \_\_\_\_\_ will be in proportion to your faithfulness in the stewardship of all things God has given you.
2. The more faithful you are in managing everything that God has blessed you with, the more He \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

## What about your giving?

Tithing is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Tithing means 10%. When you give 10% of your income back to God in gratitude, it is a reminder that all of what you have came from Him in the first place.

*The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your life..*

Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

### 1. Gain all you can,

without hurting your health, your mind, or your neighbor.

### 2. Save all you can,

this is not hoarding, but living frugally (without waste).

### 3. Give all you can,

the purpose of the discipline of generosity is for our lives to be shaped into the likeness of the extravagant generosity of God.

-John Wesley