

LIVING BEYOND BLESSED PART II
“GOOD STEWARDS”
PASTOR SHANE CARROLL
MARCH 12-13, 2022

INTRODUCTION

- God wants to meet needs; God uses His church to meet the needs.
- Stewardship with generosity changes the world.
- Following Jesus requires generosity.
- We were created to be rivers not reservoirs.
- We can live without financial stress: Are we owners or stewards?
- God blesses us when we operate His finances on biblical standards.

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BLESSED?

- Definition: made holy; consecrated; endowed with divine favor and protection.
- Genesis 1:28, “God blessed them, and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply...fill the earth and subdue it...have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’”
- To be blessed means that God has knelt toward you!

II. WHO OWNS WHAT?

- Not a popular idea, but someday Jesus is going to have an accounting of our lives...and our money!
- Matthew 25:24-25 (NLT), “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your

money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’”

- We fail when we respond to what’s asked of us in fear.
- If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.

III. WHAT DO YOU OWN?

- All of life is a stewardship.
- Psalm 50:12, “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:26, “For the earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”
- We think His stuff is ours...the transition is when you realize none of it is yours, it is all God’s.
- Maturity with God: Recognizing and living like our lives and all we have belongs to Him.

IV. AM I A GOOD STEWARD?

- Stewardship: to protect and expand the resources of another.
- We are God’s bank. He has deposited His money in us and He expects us to protect and expand it.
- The rich man is reprimanded for living for himself and not for the kingdom and toward others.
- We are stewards so we can be a blessing when God wants to bless someone else.

CLOSE

- If you are blessed you were blessed for the benefit of others that they might see the greatness of Him in you!
- Jesus has already come toward you; you are blessed.