

Biblical Stewardship

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity writes: "Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already."

If Lewis' quote is true why do we hear so much of "my time, my talent, my life, my treasure" in Christian circles today? My answer will be: it is because we have forgotten or neglected the principle of Biblical stewardship. Stewardship is thought throughout the Bible, e.g. in the beginning God created heaven and earth then He placed Adam (man) in the garden to take care of it, Adam is simply a steward of what God had already made. The same applies to our lives as Christians. Everything we are, everything 'we own' belongs to Jesus, we are simply managers acting of God's behalf.

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines stewardship as "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; *especially*: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." I am strongly convinced that every manager has principles they have to follow if they want to remain in their managerial positions. It is the same with biblical management. Some biblical stewardship principles are:

1. **Ownership:** We have nothing! God made everything and committed it into our hands.
Mat. 25:14 and 15/ Psalms 24/Deuteronomy 8:18
2. **Expectation/results:** Every manager is expected to produce results. Christ

gave everything to us in trust. He gave us the responsibility because He knows we have the ability to produce results. Excuses mean failure! Mat. 25:16-18

3. **Accountability:** We will be expected to give an account of what has been given to us. Look at it as being called to the management meeting and asked to show what you have accomplished over time. Mat. 25:19-26
4. **Reward:** We are given rewards based on what we have done as managers. Some will receive praise, others will receive rebukes, yet others will be thrown out. Mt. 25:27-30

What are we accountable for?

I will suggest 3 things that we are accountable for as Christians and as members of Christ Disciples Assembly

1. Spiritual growth
2. Time and talents
3. Treasures

Announcements:

- **Welcome** newcomers
- **Worship Times** (refer to first fold of program)
- **Small Business Opportunity Classes** – In May, (4) Saturday morning classes. Please contact Greg Bachman at 717-793-1767 for more info and see Pastor Dadeboe's WhatsApp Post for details.
- **Redemption Hour** – 6 pm Sunday.
- **May Birthdays** – see next page.
- **Friday Morning Prayers** - 9 am Prayer Session for Spiritual Power.
- **All Night Prayers** – End of May 9 pm – 12 am.
- **8th Anniversary of Christ Disciples Assembly** – June 15th – 17th Celebration. Please give money to Sis.

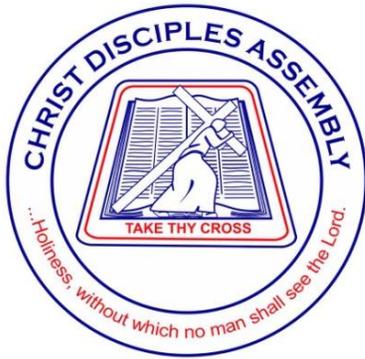
Laurel for the purchase of fabric, \$25 for women and \$12.00 for men. Members who previously paid, the fabric is available for pickup from Sis. Rebecca.

- **Women's Week** – May 7th – May 13th
- **Welfare Officer Elections** – Will be held in May.
- **Vacation Bible School** – 1st Church of the Brethren, July 29th – August 2nd, more details to come.
- **Memorial Service** - For Sister Catherine's late mother on May 19th, at 6 pm to support travel to Ghana.
- **Concert** – Brother Norman McMillan III is performing at 1st Assembly of God, 2270 N. Susquehanna Trl, York, PA 17404 on Sun, May 20th at 4 pm.
- **www.ChristDisciplesUSA.com** – Sermons, Tithing, and more.
- **Offering: Hymn.**

May Birthdays

May 3 rd	Brother Emeka
May 8 th	Pastor Dadeboe
May 9 th	Sister Comfort
May 10 th	Brother Frank
May 22 nd	Sister Ann
May 23 rd	Brother Milton
May 23 rd	Sister Marcella
May 28 th	Brother Kevin

Notes



Worship Times

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

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- 9:30 Welcome and Opening Prayers
- 10:00 Sunday school
Growing in the Christian Life
- 10:30 Praises and Worship
- 10:40 Congregational Hymns
- 11:00 Today's Message
Biblical Stewardship
- 12:00 Announcements
Offering – Ushers
Offering – Hymn
- 12:30 Closing Prayers & Benediction

Visitors: If you are new to our area and are looking for a Church home, we would love to have you as a part of our Church family. Please leave us your name and phone number so that we may contact you.

Please complete our **Guest Information card** which will be presented to you by our ushers. Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again.

Benediction:
2 Corinthians 13 v 14

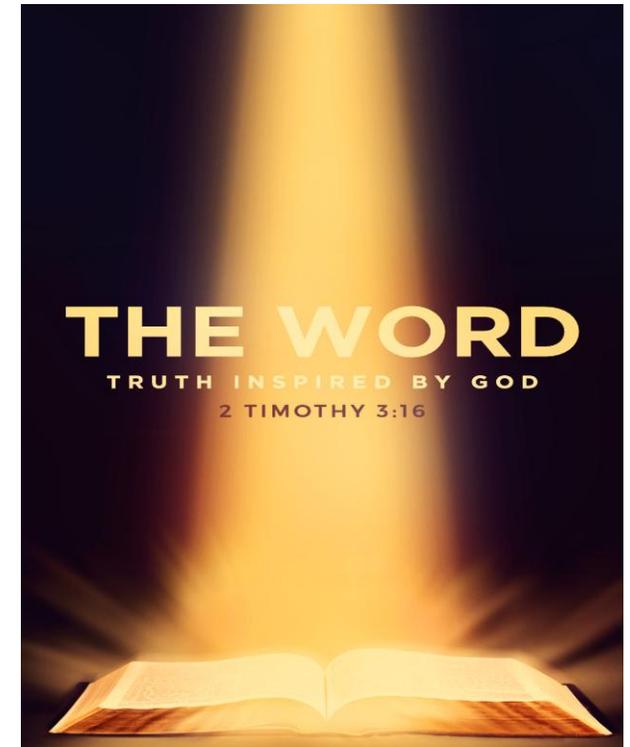
"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and ever more."

Amen

Psalm 23 v 6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever."

Amen



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