# Discipline in Stewardship of Resources



Explore biblical discipline to manage God's resources wisely, growing faithfulness in stewardship and honoring God in all you have.





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#### Introduction

**Discipline** is a vital quality for any follower of Christ, especially when it comes to stewardship of the resources He entrusts to us. *God calls us not only to receive His blessings but to manage them faithfully and wisely.* Stewardship includes how we handle our time, talents, finances, and possessions. It requires intentional effort and self-control—qualities deeply connected with spiritual discipline.

Many in Scripture demonstrate how discipline in stewardship leads to flourishing both personally and within communities. Jesus taught that faithful management of even small resources brings great reward in God's kingdom. The apostle Paul encouraged the believers to work diligently and handle all things responsibly as trustees of God's grace.

As we embark on this 5-day journey, we'll explore how discipline helps us honor God by using resources biblically and effectively. We'll dive into Scripture to uncover practical and spiritual truths about developing self-control, prioritizing God's kingdom, and maximizing what we've been given for His glory. Get ready to be challenged, encouraged, and equipped to steward with discipline and faithfulness.

Remember, stewardship isn't just about money—it includes every opportunity and possession God places in your hands. May this study inspire you to be a wise and disciplined steward, growing in trust and obedience each day.















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:9-10 - "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 16:10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much..."
- 1 Corinthians 4:2 "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."







#### Devotional: Begin with Faithful Foundations

**Discipline in stewardship** begins with understanding that everything we have is ultimately God's. *We are managers, not owners.* Proverbs 3:9–10 calls us to honor God with the first portion of our income and resources, establishing a foundation of trust and obedience.

When we commit to disciplined stewardship, we acknowledge that faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater responsibilities (Luke 16:10). This is about cultivating consistency and integrity daily, not just occasional generosity.

Discipline also grows as we prioritize God's kingdom above our own temporary wants, aligning our hearts with His purposes. It's about setting a pattern of thought and action that says, "God, I trust You with all I have."

Ask yourself: How can I better honor God with my resources today? Am I faithful in the small things entrusted to me?







### Reflect and Apply

	What does it mean for me personally to view my resources as God's, not mine?
2.	How does honoring God with my wealth influence my daily priorities?
3.	Where in my life do I struggle with faithfulness in small responsibilities?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List the resources God has entrusted to you and thank Him for each.
	Write about one small step you can take to honor God with your resources daily.
3.	Reflect on a time when faithful stewardship brought blessing or growth.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, help me remember that all I have comes from You. Teach me to steward my resources with discipline and faithfulness, honoring You with the firstfruits of all I receive. *Guide my heart to trust You fully and manage well what You have given.* May my actions reflect a desire to please You above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.









# Day 2: X Developing Self-Control in Stewardship









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#### Your Verse

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 – "I discipline my body and keep it under control..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 5:22–23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is... self-control..."
- Proverbs 25:28 "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."







Day 2: X Developing Self-Control in Stewardship

#### Devotional: Cultivating Self-Control for God's Glory

**Discipline in stewardship demands self-control.** The apostle Paul compares spiritual discipline to an athlete training rigorously (1 Corinthians 9:24–27). It's a daily choice to say no to impulses that distract from godly management of what we have.

The fruit of the Spirit includes self-control (Galatians 5:22–23), which empowers us to resist temptation to overspend, waste, or mismanaging resources. Without self-control, our stewardship is vulnerable like a city without protective walls (Proverbs 25:28).

Gaining this discipline is not about legalism but about aligning our desires with God's will. When we walk in the Spirit, self-control becomes a reflection of our love and respect for God's provision.

*Pray for the Spirit to strengthen your resolve.* Be encouraged that every effort brings growth, even if imperfect.







Day 2: 🛠 Developing Self-Control in Stewardship

# Reflect and Apply

1.	In what areas of stewardship do I struggle with self-control?
2.	How can I rely on the Holy Spirit to help me practice discipline daily?
	What habits or mindsets can I change to protect my stewardship responsibilities?







Day 2: 🛠 Developing Self-Control in Stewardship

### **Journaling Prompts**

	Identify a temptation that hinders your stewardship and write how you can resist it.
2.	Describe ways the fruit of the Spirit can support your stewardship efforts.
3.	Write a prayer asking God for strength and self-control in managing resources.







Day 2: 🞇 Developing Self-Control in Stewardship

#### **Prayer for Today**

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your strength and self-control. Help me to live disciplined in how I use the resources You've entrusted to me. When temptation and distraction come, remind me to depend on You and choose obedience to God's will. May I honor You in every decision. In Jesus' name, Amen.









# Day 3: 🖓 Wisdom in Financial Stewardship









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#### Your Verse

James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 21:20 "The wise store up choice food and olive oil..."
- Ecclesiastes 7:12 "Wisdom preserves those who have it."







Day 3: Visdom in Financial Stewardship

#### Devotional: Seeking God's Wisdom for Resources

**Discipline in stewardship isn't just about control but also wisdom.** Financial decisions require discernment to use resources in ways that honor God, bless others, and provide for needs.

James 1:5 encourages us to ask God for wisdom generously. God delights to guide us as we decide how to spend, save, and invest what we have.

Proverbs 21:20 portrays wisdom as the act of storing and managing resources prudently, while Ecclesiastes 7:12 reminds us that wisdom protects and preserves.

Wise stewardship involves planning, patience, and sometimes sacrifice. It's a discipline that grows as we seek God's direction and align with His principles.

Reflect on your current stewardship decisions and ask God to grant wisdom for improvement.







Day 3: 🖓 Wisdom in Financial Stewardship

# Reflect and Apply

Do I actively seek God's wisdom in managing my finances?
Where can I apply more prudence or planning in my stewardship?
How can wisdom help me balance generosity with responsibility?







Day 3: 🖓 Wisdom in Financial Stewardship

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when God's wisdom shaped a stewardship decision.
2.	List areas of your finances where you desire God's guidance.
	Plan a renewed approach to stewardship that includes seeking wisdom daily.







Day 3: Visdom in Financial Stewardship

#### **Prayer for Today**

**Father, I ask You for wisdom to manage the resources You give me.** Teach me to plan and use what I have with insight and care. Help me discern what honors You and benefits others. May I be a wise steward who trusts Your guidance in every financial choice. In Jesus' name, Amen.



















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - "God loves a cheerful giver."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- Luke 12:33 "Sell your possessions and give to the poor..."







#### Devotional: Joyful Giving Reflects God's Heart

**Generosity is a deliberate act of discipline** that reflects God's generous heart. Paul encourages believers to give cheerfully and purposefully as part of faithful stewardship (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Giving isn't just about meeting needs but about expressing trust in God's provision and blessing others. Jesus taught that blessing comes through open-handed living (Acts 20:35).

While discipline requires control, generosity requires breaking out of self-centered habits. It's often countercultural to give with joy and without reluctance.

Consider how disciplined generosity can transform your perspective and impact the lives of others. Practice giving as worship and trust in God's abundant provision.







### Reflect and Apply

	How do I view generous giving—as obligation, privilege, or something else?
2.	What holds me back from giving more freely and joyfully?
3.	How can generosity become a daily spiritual discipline in my life?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about how God has blessed you and how giving can reflect that blessing.
2.	Make a list of people or causes you feel called to support.
3.	Plan a practical way to give that stretches your trust in God.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me to give with a joyful and willing heart. Help me see generosity not as loss, but as blessing others and honoring You. May my giving reflect Your love and abundance. Strengthen my discipline to give regularly and cheerfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 25:21 - "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 16:11 "If you have not been trustworthy... who will trust you?"
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 "Command those who are rich to do good, to be rich in good deeds..."







#### Devotional: Faithful Stewardship Unlocks Blessings

Discipline in stewardship is ultimately about faithfulness. Jesus commended the good and faithful servant who managed well what was entrusted to him (Matthew 25:21). This faithfulness opens doors to greater responsibility in God's kingdom.

Trustworthiness is key; it validates our readiness to handle more (Luke 16:11). Paul urges believers with resources to do good and be generous, thus storing up treasures for eternity (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Stewardship discipline is not about legalistic obligation but about responding to God's trust with commitment. When we faithfully steward what we have now, God can entrust us with even greater blessings and use.

Reflect on your stewardship journey and commit to growing in faithfulness.







# Reflect and Apply

	How have I demonstrated faithfulness in managing what God entrusted me?
2.	What steps can I take to prepare for greater stewardship responsibility?
	In what ways can I expand my impact through disciplined generosity and care?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write a commitment statement about being a faithful steward moving forward.
2.	Identify areas where God is calling you to trust Him more.
3.	Reflect on how your stewardship can influence others for God's kingdom.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father, help me to be a good and faithful steward.** May I manage well all You entrust to me and reflect Your character in my stewardship. Prepare me for greater responsibilities and bless my faithfulness so Your kingdom advances. In Jesus' name, Amen.









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