

# **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP**

## **DOES OUR WALK MIRROR THEOLOGY?**

*While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"*

**-Isaac Watts**

### **I. Review**

- A. What is Stewardship?
- B. Signs of a Faithful Steward
- C. Learning from the Life of Paul

### **II. Gratefulness to God**

- A. Leads to subtle and pervasive sin of Complaining
  - 1. Expression of Arrogance before and Arrogance against God
    - a. God is not Indifferent
    - b. Numbers 11
    - c. I Corinthians 10
  - 2. Reveals absence of humility—I see no reason for this!
    - a. John Calvin on Job—Does God have just cause?
    - b. Murmuring is rising against God
- B. What effect can we have on our churches?
  - 1. Protect our children
  - 2. Assign a high priority

### **III. Faith for the Future**

- A. Impressive Confidence
  - 1. Hebrews 11 (particularly verse 6)
  - 2. All failures can be traced to a defect of Faith
    - a. Faith enlivens our work!
    - b. If life appears difficult, that reveals the presence of unbelief
    - c. Make sure the object of our Faith is correct!
    - d. "Whitfield and Wesley might preach the gospel better than I can, but..."
  - 3. Isaiah 55 (particularly verse 11)
- B. Theological Rallying Cry—What is required in Stewards?

### **IV. Affection for Others**

- A. Do we value all God has given us?
- B. Is our stewardship something that benefits ALL God has given us?
  - 1. Affection should be informed by the gospel
  - 2. Never seek to care (or correct) without an awareness of Calvary

### **V. Concepts, Images, Practices**

- A. Faithful after Class is Over?
- B. A Challenge for Next Week and Beyond