

# **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP**

## **CHURCH, PRAYER, FUNCTIONS**

*Thy grace, O Father, give, That I may serve in fear; Above all boons, I pray, Grant me thy voice to hear; From sin thy child in mercy free, And let me dwell in light with thee:*

**- Gregory of Nazianzus**

### **I. Review**

- A. Must a Christian be a Steward
- B. Recognizing our Endowment

### **II. Stewardship affecting church**

- A. Our involvement in Church
  - 1. MacArthur's Thoughts
  - 2. Lessons of the Manna
    - a. Goodness of God
    - b. Testing from God
    - c. God's demands
- B. What would our churches look like?
  - 1. Would we equal out cultic counterparts?
  - 2. Free and Joyous!

### **III. Stewardship affecting functions**

- A. The fullness of creation
  - 1. What does tradition teach about our obligation to care for creation?
  - 2. Is our dominion responsible for ecological issues and/or crisis?
    - a. Societal aspect of creation mandate
    - b. Developmental aspect of creation mandate
- B. Intersection of Needs of the Human Person and integrity of Creation

### **IV. Stewardship affecting prayer**

- A. Dependence on God
- B. An intense Gaze
- C. Looking and Addressing

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

- A. After We Recognize our Placement
  - 1. Leading into Money
  - 2. Leading into Time
- B. A Challenge for Next Week and Beyond