

# **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH MONEY**

*Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessing fall on me.*

**- Judson W. Van DeVenter,**

### **I. Review**

- A. Recognizing our Endowment
- B. God's Economy

### **II. Through the Money we Give**

- A. Tithes and Special Offerings
  - 1. What was the requirement historically?
  - 2. What was done
    - a. Ignored
    - b. Substituted for a righteous life
- B. Communalism
  - 1. Is this a political statement?
  - 2. Should our churches function this way?
- C. Working and Giving Generously
  - 1. Does this incorporate the other two?
  - 2. Less legalistic or merely adding spirit to commandment?

### **III. Through the Ministries we Support**

- A. Supported directly by those ministered to
- B. Supported From Outside the ministry
- C. Supported in Full or in Part by "Secular" Work
- D. Plans to Increase Giving

### **IV. Be Wise about Christian Stewardship**

- A. Giving Must Be
  - 1. Worshipful?
  - 2. Systematic?
  - 3. Personal, Individual?
  - 4. Proportionate?
- B. Paul's Helpers

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

- A. After We Recognize God speaks to us
  - 1. What is God Telling Me?
  - 2. Should I Budget? How?
- B. A Challenge for Next Week and Beyond