



Celebrating The POWER of Stewardship

Scripture: I Chronicles 29:11-12

Introduction: POWER! What does that word mean to you? Immediately after the 9-11 attack in New York power meant an airplane loaded with fuel and a terrorist in command of the plane. Power is the best word to describe the space shuttle blasting into orbit. To many people, the word power reminds them of the many different “power drinks” that are available. They are really energy drinks, but the term “power drinks” sells the product. “Power drinks can include anything from sports beverages to vitamin waters to ‘high-energy’ supplement drinks. What they all have in common is added ingredients that say they ‘do’ something extra, whether its increase energy and alertness, boost nutrition, or even enhance athletic performance.”¹

POWER – doing something extra. It can be used to bless or curse; to confirm or humiliate. The decision is up to the individual possessing the power.

One of the most powerful words is **STEWARDSHIP**. The principle of stewardship is so powerful that it is referenced more times in the Bible than heaven, hell, prayer or faith. Apparently God wanted to make sure we understood the meaning of being good stewards and the empowerment that goes with it. You are entrusted with a possession and given the privilege to make decisions on how the possession is managed.

Stewardship impacts every thing we do.

I. A Steward Is:

- A. A manager not an owner. (Psalms 8:6)
- B. Biblical Principle: “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” Psalms 24:1 (NIV)
- C. One who manages God’s awesome blessings

II. Four Major Areas of Stewardship:

- A. Time – What you have been allotted.
- B. Temple – Our physical body – uniquely designed
- C. Talent – What you have been given to use
- D. Treasure – What has been entrusted to you

III. Powerful Results of Good Stewardship –Luke 16:10-12

- A. If proven good stewards in small matters – we will be trusted as stewards in larger areas. This is

true in both the secular and church world.

- B. If we are good stewards in material things – God will entrust spiritual things into our care.
- C. A good steward recognizes the provision of salvation and receives a new life.
(I John 5:11-12)

Conclusion: Everything you have is a gift from God. “But I worked for it and it is mine,” is the response of the person who doesn’t understand that their physical and mental ability to do the job is a gift from God. Think about it – take a look around you – what do you see? You have the power to be the steward of all you have. What happens to it is up to you.

Good stewardship should be practiced daily and parents should teach their children the value of being a good steward.