

Stewardship Exercises

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1. Study your current "giving situation." How carefully have you planned your giving practices?
2. Visualize the ministries that you are sharing in. Try to picture in your mind specific people who are being helped because of the ministries you support.
3. Make a list your possessions. Read over the list and say aloud, "God owns it all!"
4. As part of your devotional time, write a paragraph on "I am, or am not, at peace with the way I manage my resources." Explain why.
5. Determine what percentage of your total income you gave last year. Was it a tithe? less? more?
6. Adopt as a personal or family policy that you will make no major purchase (over \$200) without seeking God's permission in prayer over a period of time.
7. As part of your devotional time, write a couple of paragraphs about tithing and explain what you have experienced.
8. Have a "tithing discussion" this week with your children, or with a few friends.
9. Make arrangements to have your will include a provision that the church and other kingdom agencies will be included in the distribution of your estate.
10. Write out two commitments that you will carry out to revise and improve your stewardship, either in the management of your finances or the manner of your giving.

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