

Learning and Teaching Stewardship

Part 8 – Biblical Financial Stewardship

I. Learning Stewardship through Hard Times

A. Hardship – Some circumstances we could not control.

- Israelite Widow: God miraculously provided (2 Kings 4:1-7)

B. Mistakes – Some circumstances we could have controlled.

Recovering from Mistakes

- How we blow it (Unwise partnerships – Proverbs 6:1-5; Lack of planning – Proverbs 6:6-8; Laziness – Proverbs 6:9-11; Presumption; James 4:13-16; Dishonesty – Proverbs 6:30-31; Greed – 1 Timothy 6:9-10)
- How we recover
 1. Pray for God's wisdom and help to recover from the trial (James 1:1-5).
 2. Be content and do without (1 Timothy 6:8).
 3. Pursue God instead of money (1 Timothy 6:11).
 4. Accept the Lord's discipline (Hebrews 12:5-11).
 5. Accept counsel (Proverbs 12:15).

C. The Blessings of Being in Need

1. Need teaches us to appreciate God's presence, promises and power in our lives (Hebrews 13:4; Philippians 4:11-13).
2. God is praised when He provides our need (2 Corinthians 9:12-13)
3. Need teaches us the humility of accepting help from others (Philippians 4:14-16).
4. Need helps us understand and comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
5. Need teaches us how to correct mistakes (Hebrews 12:9-11).
6. Need gives us opportunity to teach our children (2 Kings 4:5-7).

II. Teaching Stewardship to the Next Generation

A. Teach and model financial stewardship (Proverbs 22:6).

1. Teach/Model contentment, hard work, integrity (Proverbs 1:1-9).
2. Teach/Model trusting God and generous giving (2 Kings 4:1-36).

B. Teach by requiring financial discipline (Hebrews 12:9).

1. Supply children's needs, not all their wants
2. Teach work (chores, obedience, doing a job well and completely, taking care of property, no "allowances" without responsibility, getting a job when old enough, making them pay for some needs, college, not rescuing adult children)
3. Require simple budgets and stewardship – Give, Save and Spend
4. Show and tell them how you Give, Save and Spend