#### Lifestyle Stewardship

# A Whole Life Approach

(Various Scriptures)

Introduction: Matthew 25:1-13 - He is coming back.

#### Hard Worker: Daily Discipline Stewardship

As a Steward of God's Resources a Disciple of Christ can be counted on to give their best effort at all times. (Pro. 10:4; 14:23; 2:29)

#### Prudent Manager: Overall Resources Stewardship

As a Steward of God's Resources a Disciple of Christ intentional superintends their time, talent and treasures for God's glory. (Luke 12:42-48; 16:1-12; Mat. 6:19-24)

#### **Cautious Debtor: Financial Obligations Stewardship**

As a Steward of God's Resources a Disciple of Christ limits their financial risks to avoid foolish obligations. (Pro. 6:1-5; 22:7, 26-27)

#### Joyful Giver: Purposeful Opportunity Stewardship

As a Steward of God's Resources a Disciple of Christ considers the opportunity to invest in the gospel a privilege. (Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:7)

#### Wise Investor: Future Preparations Stewardship

As a Steward of God's Resources a Disciple of Christ takes the long range view of life and invests with wisdom. (Pro. 6:6-8; 21:20; Mat. 25:14-30)

> Stewardship Means Managing the Resources of the King until He Returns

# Next Steps

- Recognize that God is the sovereign owner of everything and you are a steward.
- Commit yourself to being a steward of your entire life for the glory of God.

# This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

•. Monday - Proverbs 31

- •. Tuesday <u>Luke 12:42-48</u>
- •. Wednesday Matthew 6:19-24
- •. Thursday James 5:1-6
- •. Friday Matthew 25:1-30

# **Home Church**

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another. *Home Church helps our body seek God's best for one another.* 

# **Home Church Questions**

- Read <u>Matthew 25:1-30</u>.
- Was there anything new or insightful in this message?
- Was there anything you know you can or should immediately apply?

• 1 John 2:28 says, "And now, dear children, abide in Him, so that when he appears we may be confident and not ashamed before Him at His coming." What would it look like to be confident when He returns? What would it look like to be ashamed?

- How can you improve your witness as a hard worker to a watching world?
- What area of your life could be managed better for the glory of God? Your time? Your Talents? Your treasures?
- Where do you feel the pressure of obligations that seem to have entrapped you?
- Do you see your giving to ministry as more of an obligation or an opportunity?
- In what way are you "laying up treasures in heaven"?

#### Finances

 Weekly Budget
 31,390

 Giving For 09/11
 38,315

 Giving For 09/18
 26,968

 YTD Budget
 376,677

 YTD Giving
 343,423

 OVER/(UNDER)
 (33,254)

 Generations Campaign
 Total Pledge 1,535,065

 Received-to-date 1,656,075

#### Father/Son Campout

# Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 - Destination to be determined.

This is our yearly event for boys K-12th grade and their fathers (or fatherly figure). Friday night will be campfires and enjoying the great outdoors and Saturday will have a morning of fun activities.

#### Sign up at the Connection Center or fellowshipconway.org/register. There is no cost for this but registration deadline is October 4.

#### New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

#### Get Connected in a Home Church

Fellowship's desire is for everyone to be relationally connected. The primary way we do this is in Home Churches – small groups that meet in living rooms to apply God's Word, pray, and to serve together. For more information go to <u>fellowshipconway.org/homechurch</u>

# **Fellowship Equipping**

- Gospel of Opportunity | Sundays | 9:00 a.m.
- Systemetic Theology Men's Bible Study | Thursdays | 6:00 a.m.
- Discover You | Sundays | 9:00 a.m.
- Art of Marriage | Sundays | 9:00 a.m.
- Family Discipleship | Mondays | 6:00 p.m.
- Church History II | Sundays | 10:45 a.m.

# For more information on the classes listed above and to register go to

# fellowshipconway.org/register

# Men's Book Club | October 13 | 6-8:00 p.m.

Get your personal copy of "Bullies and Saints: An Honest Look at the Good and Evil of Christian History by John Dickson." Then join us as we discuss this book every Thursday starting October 13 (Conference Room/Library, 1st floor).

# **Operation Christmas Child Special Access Pack**

On Tuesday, October 11, you and your family are invited to participate in an Operation Christmas Child Special Access Pack right here at Fellowship! Together, we will be packing 2400 shoeboxes that will be sent to children in hard to reach areas across the world. Join us on October 11 from 11:00am - 2:00 pm or 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

# Fellowship Young Adults - September 20| 6:00-8:00 PM

Fellowship Young Adults exists to make disciples among those aged 23-29 looking for the next step in their spiritual growth as they enter the workforce or pursue higher education. We will gather Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Fireside Room at Fellowship for a meal, prayer, and to study the Scriptures. *More details at fellowshipconway.org/youngadults.*