
Everyday Christianity
"Stewarding Our Gifts"
Acts 2-5

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Introduction: We are in the midst of a study focusing on "Everyday Christianity".

1. The idea being Christianity extends beyond Sunday morning worship or a weekly Bible study.
 - It is a lifestyle where we strive to integrate our faith with our everyday lives.
2. This morning we focus on stewardship.
3. In scripture, stewards oversaw the affairs/property of their masters.
 - They were not owners.
 - They managed everything.
4. It is the perfect concept to understand our relationship with Christ.
5. Everything we are, everything we have, everything we will ever be, belongs to Christ.
6. Yet, He has entrusted the management of all of it to you and me.
7. The early chapters of Acts can teach us how this works.

I. A Positive Picture Of Stewardship

- A. Authenticity

- B. Community

- C. Generosity

II. A Problematic Picture Of Stewardship

- A. Hypocrisy

- B. Motivation

- C. Self

Conclusion: This story focuses on material things.

1. We should understand the very same principles apply to everything we are and will be.
 - Our time, our talents, as well as our treasures.
2. How do you use God's time? How do you see the abilities God has given you? How do you use the resource God has provided?
3. We are not owners, we are stewards.
4. God trusts you, be worthy of that trust!