



PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP:

**Applying Biblical Principles
to Everyday Life**

LEARNER GUIDE | SESSION 1

Am I Offering My Best to God?



SESSION IN A SENTENCE Through the example of Cain and Abel's sacrifices we see that God knows our heart and expects us to offer Him our very best.

BIBLE BACKGROUND In the book of Genesis, Cain and Abel are the first two sons of Adam and Eve. Cain, the firstborn, was a farmer, and his brother Abel was a shepherd. The brothers made sacrifices to God, but God favored Abel's sacrifice instead of Cain's.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY God desires that we worship Him, and approach Him in worship with a proper reverence and inclination of our heart. Just as He weighed the heart and the motivation of Cain and Abel when they brought sacrifices to Him during a time of worship, God evaluates our hearts and lives today. He desires that His people live in a way that reflects our gratitude for His grace, and a realization that He is worthy of us offering Him our best, both in worship and in life.

GENESIS 4:1-12

The man was intimate with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, "I have had a male child with the Lord's help." ² She also gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd of flocks, but Cain worked the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain presented some of the land's produce as an offering to the Lord. ⁴ And Abel also presented an offering—some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but he did not have regard for Cain and his offering. Cain was furious, and he looked despondent. ⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you furious? And why do you look despondent? ⁷ If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's guardian?" ¹⁰ Then he said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! ¹¹ So now you are cursed, alienated from the ground that opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood you have shed. ¹² If you work the ground, it will never again give you its yield. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

POINT 1: ***THE LORD IS AWARE OF OUR***

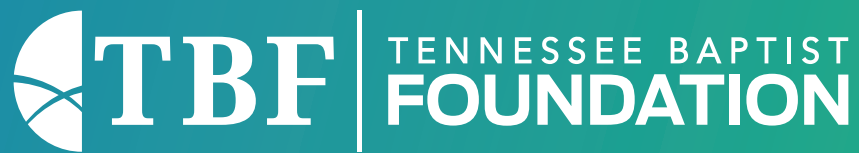
(vv.1-5)

POINT 3: ***THE LORD HOLDS US***

(vv.8-12)

POINT 2: ***THE LORD PROVIDES***

(vv.6-7)



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