



PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP:

**Applying Biblical Principles
to Everyday Life**

LEARNER GUIDE | SESSION 4

Stewarding What We Have



SESSION IN A SENTENCE Good stewardship requires us to lead now and prepare for the future.

BIBLE BACKGROUND Paul's first letter to Timothy served as some of his closing remarks to his protégé and son in the faith. Paul experienced what it was like to live with plenty and what it was like to live in need. He instructed Timothy to steward the resources God had provided, both in the present and in the future.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY If we have food, clothing and shelter, then we should consider ourselves wealthy. Randy Alcorn, in his book *Money, Possessions and Eternity*, stated that if someone has sufficient food, decent clothes, live in a house or apartment, and have a reasonably reliable means of transportation, they are in the top 15% of the world's wealthiest people. Based on these standards, most of us would be considered wealthy. We must learn how to steward our money, possessions, time, and talents.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

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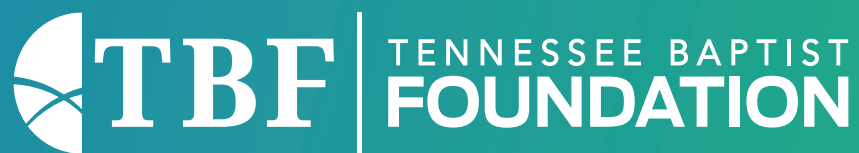
1. **Give your time and heart** – We learned that sharing is more than giving resources away, it is also giving our time and our heart to others. Find a time in the next week to host a meal or schedule a time with someone. Use this time to connect with someone beyond surface conversation. Ask the Father to use this time to help you share His hope with the other person.
2. **Tell God thank you** – When we compare our financial status to that of the world, we quickly see we are wealthy. We have learned that God is the one who provides this wealth, and that it belongs to Him. Take time this week to thank Him for providing, asking Him for the needed wisdom to steward His resources the way He intends.
3. **Give with the future in mind** – When we give from our finances, we tend to think what we have given is gone. The truth is that when we give according to God's commands, we are investing in eternity. Take time this week to ask God to show you how to either begin investing in eternity or to increase your investment in eternity. As He shows you what obedience looks like for you and your family, pray for the faith needed to live it out.

MY GROUP'S PRAYER REQUESTS



SERMON NOTES

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