

STEWARDSHIP

Article 13

(chapter 16 in your workbook)

XIII. Stewardship

“God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions.

“They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others.

“According to the Scriptures,
Christians should contribute of their
means cheerfully, regularly,
systematically, proportionately, and
liberally for the advancement of the
Redeemer's cause on earth.”

(BF&M 2000)

*Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32;
Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12;
Matthew 6:1-4,19-21; 19:21; 23:23;
25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21,42; 16:1-13;
Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35;
Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians
4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4;
2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15;
Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.*

“At the heart of stewardship is the understanding that stewards do not own what God has entrusted to them but are managers of His resources”
(p. 136).

Stewardship means:

1. All that we have belongs to God, even our very lives (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
2. We are accountable for how we use God's resources.

While the world is addicted to a cosmic game of “hoarders,” the Christian takes action as a debtor to the world.

“I am obligated both to Greeks and barbarians, both to wise and foolish”
(Romans 1:14)

In other words, a Christian can never say: “I don’t owe anybody anything.” In fact, since we have received the gospel as a gift, we are under obligation to leverage all resources in order to deliver the gospel to the world!

“You cannot serve both God and wealth” (Matthew 6:24).

“Our Lord’s point is clear: His redeemed people are to put money, wealth, and material possessions in their proper place and at the disposal of Great Commission priorities” (p. 137).

The Great Commission Priority at CBC

There are 745 SBC churches in Ohio.
CBC gave:

1. The 4th highest amount in the state of Ohio to LMCO for International Missions.
2. The 9th highest amount in the state to AAEO for North American Missions.

It is okay to applaud and praise the
Lord for His work through us!

It's not less than \$, but stewardship is more than just \$!

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1Corinthians 6:19-20--ESV).

The Tithe:

“One tenth of a person’s income and belongings given to God through the church” (p. 139).

“Responsible Christians understand, however, that Christians bear no less responsibility for giving than God commanded of His people in the Old Testament” (p. 140).

1. Are you fully committed to Jesus Christ and His agenda for the world?
2. Does your bank account and calendar back up your claim to love Him?
3. Is your whole life on the altar for God (Romans 12:1-2)?

