

Stewardship 218 Diploma Level



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

Because “to whom much is given, much is required,” the blessings of God are meant to be managed with wisdom. This course will train the student to enjoy every blessing from God to its fullest extent while exemplifying Biblical management practices in order to bless others, as well as the Kingdom of God.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Identify the origin of stewardship in the Bible, the establishment of its basic principles, and practical application for today.
- 2.) Establish the Old Testament perspective of stewardship.
- 3.) Explain stewardship as seen in the New Testament.
- 4.) Discover the responsibility of a steward from a Biblical view, and understand what he is meant to accomplish.
- 5.) Show that faithfulness is a requirement of stewardship and a prerequisite to greater blessings.
- 6.) Restate that giving has an end result.
- 7.) Assess that offerings should be given voluntarily out of respect and love for God.
- 8.) Differentiate between offerings and alms.
- 9.) Weigh why some people prosper spiritually, financially, and physically while others do not.
- 10.) Summarize how we must be good stewards not only of our treasures but also our time, talents, and the truth of God's Word.
- 11.) Understand the ministers responsibility in all areas of stewardship.
- 12.) Communicate the responsibility of a church member in the area of stewardship.
- 13.) Exemplify the right motivation of a good steward.

Topics/Concepts:

- Divine ownership
- The principles of steward, stewardship, offering, and tithe.
- What the Bible says about money, before and after the law.
- The three stewardship parables given by Jesus.
- What a steward is and what his tasks look like.
- Faithfulness as the crowning mark of distinction among God's people.
- Tithing: why we give a tithe and what the Biblical repercussions of doing or not doing so are.
- The idea that it is possible to give without loving but not to love without giving.
- Guidelines for giving.
- The principle of sowing and reaping.
- Ways to manage and redeem your time.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s)

Biblical Stewardship, G. Randy Adams

Recommended Alternatives:

Tithing and Stewardship, John F. Hopkins

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

- 1.) Introduction: Why Study Biblical Stewardship?
- 2.) Where Did It All Begin?
- 3.) Old Testament Stewardship
- 4.) New Testament Stewardship
- 5.) Stewards, God's Business Managers
- 6.) Faithfulness – The Measure of a Steward
- 7.) Cause and Effect Principle of Tithing
- 8.) The Purpose of the Offering
- 9.) Alms Giving
- 10.) Prosperity or Poverty
- 11.) Stewardship Is More than Money
- 12.) Stewardship and the Ministry
- 13.) Stewardship and the Church Member
- 14.) Motives and Attitudes
- 15.) Maintaining Integrity in Stewardship

Languages Available:

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian

Course Packet Resources:

Power Point

Answer Key

Additional Articles are available by request at gats@upci.org

Comments:

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