

Living In Relationship To God

Christian Stewards

A Story:

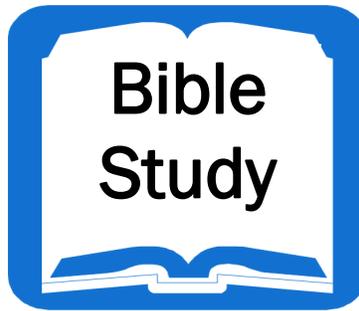
A man purchased a white mouse to use as food for his pet snake. He dropped the unsuspecting mouse into the snake's glass cage, where the snake was sleeping in a bed of sawdust. The tiny mouse had a serious problem on his hands. At any moment he could be swallowed alive. What would the little creature do? He quickly set to work covering the snake with sawdust chips until it was completely buried. With that the mouse apparently thought he had solved his problem.

We know better. The solution came from outside. The man took pity on the silly little mouse and removed him from the cage.

- How are we sometimes like the mouse?
- What happens when we merely try to cover up our sins or our problems?
- How does God rescue us?



Christian stewards are managers of all that is entrusted to them by God.



What do the following passages have to say about our relationship to God?

Day One: 2 Corinthians 6:18

Day Two: John 1:12-13

Day Three: Revelation 14:7

Day Four: Deuteronomy 6:5

Day Five: Isaiah 26:4



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For Discussion:

John 13:1-15

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship always begins with God giving to us. What did Jesus do for the disciples according to verse 5?
2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What were the disciples to do according to verse 15?
3. What great sacrifice did Christ make for us? See Romans 5:8
4. How can we, as stewards, "wash each others feet?"
5. Talk about what it means to be a servant following the example of Jesus.

Stewardship Truth

We live in a right relationship with our heavenly Father because of Jesus!