

## Financial Peace University

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.* 1 Peter 4:10

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:29



## Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue

A pastor once said, "For the Christian everything is spiritual!"

He's right. For the Christian everything is impacted by the faith the Holy Spirit has worked in the heart through Word and Sacraments. Does faith have anything to do with the vocations God has given me? Does faith have anything to do with the kind of house I live in? Does faith have anything to do with how I spend the money God entrusts to my care? The answer is yes.

Faith impacts our attitudes and actions. We are transformed in our thinking by what God has done for us in Christ. *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:2

Christian stewardship is about how we live out what it means to be redeemed Children of God in every area of life. We know that stewardship is a spiritual issue because:

- God created us to be stewards.
- Stewardship is how we respond to the love God has for us in Christ.
- We are accountable to God for how we steward His gifts.
- How we live the life God gives us is important to Him.
- God's Word belongs at the center of everything we do as His stewards.

Stewardship is a spiritual issue—so we look to God's Word on what it means to be a faithful and fruitful steward.

### Discussion Questions:

1. How can we live to the glory of God?
2. How is our thinking about money and possessions changed by what God has done for us in Christ?
3. What areas of life are untouched by who we are in Christ?
4. How does God hold us accountable for the stewardship He gives us?

### Stewardship Truth:

Everything we are and everything we do is impacted by the love God has shown us in Jesus Christ. We live to glorify Him!