

FPU Devotion – Introduction

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

Stewards by God's Design

God created us to be stewards. A Christian steward is one who manages what belongs to God.

One cannot be an owner and a steward at the same time. The two are mutually exclusive by definition. God is the Owner. I am a steward.

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family the Church in managing life and all of life's resources for God's purposes. Stewardship is what the steward does.

Financial Peace University is a tool that can help us live as faithful, wise, and fruitful stewards. As we go through the sessions of FPU we keep these Biblical truths in mind:

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND OWNER OF ALL BLESSINGS: *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17*

WE KEEP OUR EYES FOCUSED ON JESUS: *Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2*

WE ARE TO BE FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL STEWARDS: *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 5:15*

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP: *So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14:12*



Discussion Questions:

1. Who is a steward?
2. When did I become a Christian steward and what difference does it make?
3. Why is faithfulness in financial stewardship so important?
4. What does faithfulness in financial stewardship look like?

Stewardship Truth:

God instructs us in His Word about how we are to steward money and possessions. Our desire is to be wise, faithful, trustworthy, and fruitful stewards.