



## Faith Aflame: 360 Degrees Biblical Stewardship Principles 2

### Introduction:

Principles are defined as fundamental doctrines or tenets. If you do a search on the internet for “life principles” you will get almost sixty million sites that deal with the subject in some way. Getting to the real core of an issue or subject can be very helpful. Principles are important for life. Principles are also important for stewardship.

In 1998 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod adopted eight Biblical Stewardship Principles. These principles reflect what God’s Word says about the Christian steward and Christian stewardship. They are fundamental to a proper understanding of Christian stewardship.

The fifth principle is: **GOD’S STEWARDS ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.** This means: **God’s stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.**

Read and reflect on the following passages of Holy Scripture:

- Romans 12:2
- John 17:15-18
- John 16:33

What is the key point of this principle?

What are some ways you can apply this principle to your life right now?

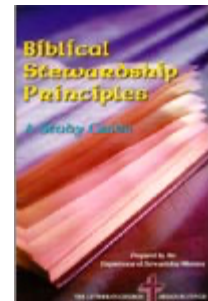
The sixth principle is: **GOD’S STEWARDS ARE LOVED AND LOVING.** This means: **God’s stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God’s act of love for them in Christ which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love.**

Read and reflect on the following passages of Holy Scripture:

- 1 John 4:19
- 1 John 3:16-18
- John 13:34-35

What is the key point of this principle?

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The seventh principle is: **GOD'S STEWARDS ARE SERVED AND SERVING.** This means: **God's stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel powered style of life which is demonstrated in servanthood within all the arenas of life.**

Read and reflect on the following passages of Holy Scripture:

- Philippians 2:5-8
- Matthew 20:26b-28
- John 13:3-5

What is the key point of this principle?

What are some ways you can apply this principle to your life right now?

The eighth principle is: **GOD'S STEWARDS LIVE WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE, OF TIME AND ETERNITY.** This means: **God's stewards live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to His rule in the here and now.**

Read and reflect on the following passages of Holy Scripture:

- Matthew 6:19-21
- Titus 2:11-14
- 2 Peter 3:11-12a

What is the key point of this principle?

What are some ways you can apply this principle to your life right now?

**Closing Prayer:**

Adoration...  
Confession...  
Thanksgiving...  
Supplication....

Praise...  
Remember...  
Ask...  
Yield...



### **A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

O Lord, we praise Your Name for creating the world and everything in it.

We give you thanks for the salvation won for us in the person and work of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant that we may be worthy of the Name of Jesus. Keep us from selfishness and greed. Keep us from focusing too much on the past or the future and failing to live for You now.

Forgive us Lord, and help us to live in love toward You and toward our neighbor.

To You be the glory now and forever.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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