

Wise Stewards of God's Blessings *Nehemiah 10*

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- What kind of stewards are we of God's blessings that He provides? Does God care what kind of stewards we are?
- Our stewardship of material resources is a strong indicator of how _____ we really are about God and His Word.
- Let's note three important truths from our text about the handling (stewardship) of God's blessings.

First, it is a _____ issue.

- God's law to Israel contained very specific commands regarding how they handled their material resources and income. vs. 31, 32, 35, 37
- God **did** care about how they handled the _____ He gave them.
- _____ we possess is a blessing from God, and we are responsible for how we handle it.
- *"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate."*
1 Timothy 6:17-18

Second, it reveals our inward _____.

- The **inward** change of their hearts was producing **outward** _____.
- They desired for God to have the **first-fruits** of _____ their increase. vs. 35-37
- Paul told the church that our giving _____ the sincerity of our love. 2 Corinthians 8:8, 24
- *“How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.”*
2 Corinthians 8:2, 5

Third, it determines the progress of God’s _____.

- If the people did not give, the _____ of God could not go forward. vs. 32-33, 38-39
- If God’s people give _____, then the work of God struggles and moves slowly.
- If God’s people give _____, the work of God can make great strides forward.

When the Word of God and prayer are an active part of the believer’s life, a _____ heart naturally follows.