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## Christian Stewardship & Heavenly Investment

**All Christians are called to be faithful stewards. Stewardship is our thankful duty of witness to God's benevolence in our lives.** The right order is God giving to us followed by our response. We love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19 and Rom 5:8). We did not have the ability to respond to His love until He gave the ultimate gift of love when Christ died for us to redeem us (Rom 5:1,8). God's benevolence and grace for us is free and undeserved, our response in the practice of responsible stewardship is gratitude and service. We give because we are thankful. Stewardship is the practical expression of appreciation to the Giver of every good and perfect gift and our humble service to Him. We give to God because we love God and we are thankful for His goodness and generosity to us.



### Obedient Witness to God's Sovereignty

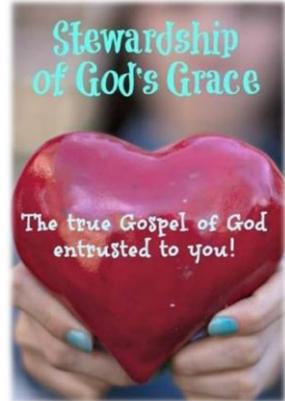
Stewardship is our obedient witness to God's sovereignty. It is the child of God in action, doing deeds that prove belief in accountability to God (see Acts 26:20; Jas 2:14-18). **Stewardship is action that flows from the acceptance of the lordship of Jesus Christ in our management of the treasure, time, talent and tabernacle (that is, our bodies and the Church) to glorify Him.**



The **theology of stewardship starts with the acknowledgment that God is sovereign over our lives. Therefore, we recognize God as the ultimate authority.** It is the practical expression of our yielding to the divine revelation – I am the LORD your God (Exod 6:7). Stewardship is the consecration of oneself and possessions to the service of the King. It acknowledges in practice that we do not have the right of control but are under the constant orders of our Lord. As faithful stewards we realise that we are not our own, but we belong to Christ and we are to surrender ourselves as a living sacrifice to Christ (Rom 12:1,2).

## Faithful Response to God's Commission

We have been chosen and commissioned to share Jesus Christ to the different tribes and ethnic groups of the world (Matt 28:18-20). It is the expression of our duty as the body of Christ. The whole Church is called to share in the ministry of our Lord in the gospel ministry to the saving of souls as he leads. The mission of the Church is to be a witness to the fallen world of God's great act of reconciliation through Jesus' death. Stewardship includes our responsibility to share the message of hope to a lost world. It is our highest service to mankind. At its best, stewardship is self-sacrificial giving. **It began with Christ giving Himself on the cross and culminates as we give of ourselves to honour Christ in tithes and offerings, service and to build up the church and support missions to a lost and dying world.**



## Heavenly Investments Determine Our Life

**Our Christian values are different from those of the world. True wealth, in the spiritual sense, is not determined by our net worth, but by our heavenly investments.** Jesus in Matt 6:19-21 says, "*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*"

Jesus says that our treasure determines where our heart is. (Matt 6:21) Do not build up temporal treasures upon earth. Jesus deliberately avoided the word money so we would not limit this idea to wealth. Singaporeans are often caught up with the wealth trap, in get-rich quick schemes. Treasure describes what is important to us or what we value and esteem. It can be money, stocks or shares or equities a pet, a car, property, leisure or even self. The things of value in our lives are not to be earthly items but also the eternal things of heaven. We are to invest our lives in eternal possessions we can take to heaven. Col 3:1,2 says, "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*"



The fortunes we amass on the earth are subject to destruction by moths, rust and thieves. In Jesus' day, material wealth usually consisted of clothing and coins. Especially valuable was wool material which was susceptible to moths. Coins and metals were vulnerable to rust. The term 'break' in literally means to dig and picture a thief digging through the mud bricks of a home to steal the treasures. In contrast,

heavenly treasures cannot be eaten by moths, destroyed by rust, nor stolen by thieves (Matt 6:19) and is imperishable and everlasting.

## Location of our Treasures & the Condition of our Heart

**It is not wrong to have treasures, but where do we find and put them? In one sense, it says an examination** of our treasures will reveal our hearts, someone examines our kitchen cabinets and refrigerator, she can easily determine our food tastes. In the same way, if we examine things we treasure, we can determine our hearts' desires and intents. The things we value (ie time and money spent on it) expose our true spiritual condition. The phrase says our heart will soon find itself in the same place as the continuing investment as our treasures. If a life's savings and energy are invested in a new business, so that business begins to consume all of the investor's time, attention and energy. God, family and Church may be neglected in the process of health acquisition. Our heart will turn right to the place where our treasure is.



From this understanding of heavenly assets, we shall have principles that will enable us to reap a rich spiritual dividend in the future (Col 3:1,2). The danger as Christians is that we will invest our resources in a world that is only temporal. Our investments should be made in the place of our residence. The final residence of a Christian is not on the earth, it is heaven (see 1 Pet 2:11; Heb 11:9-10,13). **Therefore, we should be giving to God in investments in the place of our eternal citizenship. Eternity is a long time, do we choose to enjoy our rewards for a few years on earth, or do we choose to enjoy our rewards for eternity in heaven?**

## Principle of Non-Ownership

No matter how large the earthly treasure, the Christian is always aware that he owns nothing but is a only a trustee and custodian (1Cor 4:2). Our role is that of a steward. A steward is a manager or an administrator. A steward simply manages the property of another and does not own it (that is, like a fund manager).

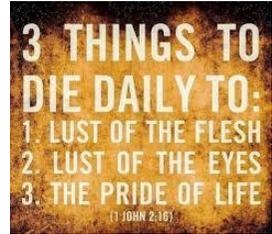
In this life, we own nothing; we are merely stewards of God's possessions and do not own it. Regardless of how much worldly wealth we can accumulate in our lifetime, none of it truly belongs to us. This is the principle which must be grasped by anyone wishing to store up heavenly treasures rather than earthly treasures. No matter how much of this world we accumulate, we are never really owners, simply stewards of the property of another. Peter in 1Pet 4:10,11 says, *"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in*



*all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever."*

## Principle of Relationship

Another principle to guide our investments for eternity is the principle of relationship. **The question of relationship is this: How close are you to this thing that you want, and would it be devastating if you lose this treasure one day?** What possessions do we have that would cause us to feel worthless and helpless if lost as we may love it too much? If the loss of any possession causes us to greatly alter our life, then we have invested too much in that item and our relationship with it is misplaced. Our relationship with Christ is worth more than all these things. Something to think about.



## Heavenly Investments Determine Our Attitude

**The way we look at life will be determined by the way we invest in earthly or heavenly treasures for our hearts will be there too.** Matt 6:22-23 says, *"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"*



These words speak about our attitude concerning the things of this world and the things of heaven. The term lamp describes a light or a candle; it is a source of light and illumination. The principle is simply that the eye is the lamp or illumination for the whole body. We live with this truth every day. How many of us wear glasses or contact lenses? (Myopia has reached an all-time high in Singapore). Our eyesight affects the complete operation of our body. We desire things because of their appearance, and we accomplish tasks with the help of our vision. Spiritually, our vision controls our entire body, and we need to guard our eyes to see Christ and eternity away from the seduction and corruption of this world.

Jesus enlightens us on the possibility of two different perceptions of the world. The word translated good is a significant word. However, often it means *"generous"* or *"liberal"* (see Jas 1:5). Remember, Jesus is teaching about storing up heavenly treasures. A means of making such an eternal investment is earthly wisdom in giving to God and his Church/missions. When the eye is good (generous), our whole being will be full of light and what a blessing it is.

The person who is greedy or covetous for the things of the world is looking through a blurred window and distorts reality. However, the person with the right eyesight is content and he or she is building up treasures in their investments in heaven. Do we have a proper vision today and for the future: What are our eyes focused on? **Are our**

**eyes on the material and ephemeral things of the world or the everlasting things of heaven? Do we desire just earthly treasures or heavenly treasures? We need to make up our minds, for we cannot have both.**

## **Heavenly Focus Determine Our Right Priorities**

Everyone has priorities in life, that which is the defining and controlling influence in life. Matt 6:24 says, *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”* This verse presents an indisputable truth: it is impossible to serve two masters. Some relationships are mutually exclusive. The term used by JESUS identifies a bond slave. He is not describing a man with two jobs. We cannot have more than one master because being a servant or slave requires an exclusive attachment to one person only. “Either he will hate the one and love the other” indicates the impossibility of being exclusively attached to two masters. He will be devoted to one and despise the other” speaks about obedience and commitment. What can be done when their commands conflict? The servant must choose to obey one master and forsake the commands of the other and I hope it is the Lord for you.



**There are two masters who are in competition and conflict for our lives: God or Gold, the Word or the World.** The term gold can mean property or material possessions. It describes the things we possess. If we are storing up treasures on the earth, then Money is our Lord. Our heartfelt investments determine who our master is. Matt 6:21 says, *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

Paul in 1Tim 6:6,10 says, *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* Be content in Christ and not covetous to want more in this life as we honour Christ with our substance and souls.

## **Conclusion**

Our temporal resources on earth are subject to moth, rust and destruction but God, is our Provider forever. Ask yourself, what is the eternal destiny of our souls and our material possessions? If money is our god, then that will be a bondage to wealth and a great offence to God and that will be burnt by fire one day. As Christians, let us **learn to invest in heaven with eternal dividends and give of ourselves and our time, talent and substance to serve and glorify the Lord faithfully as we sojourn in this temporal earth and the Lord Is coming soon.**

*Jack Sin*

*(Edited from Eklund & Amtin, Partners with God, Nashville, Convention Press, 1994)*

## A Sharing by Eld Gary Tay

Thank God for His message at the online Global Assembly English Service by Gospel Light for Indonesia about Godly Women's Life as delivered by Pastor Jack on last Sunday 22 Feb 2026.

### The key points were:

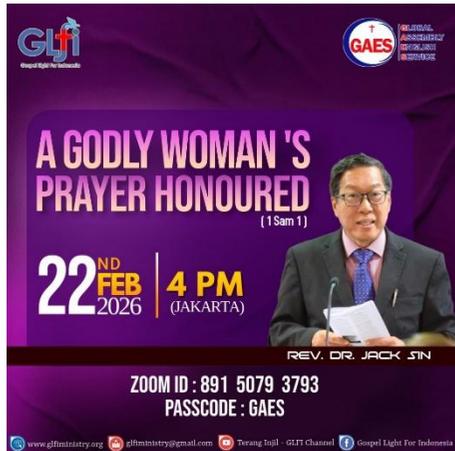
- Plight of Hannah
- Prayer
- Pledge
- Praise

### God's 4 answers to prayer are:

- Direct
- Denial (No)
- Different
- Delayed (in His timetable not 'now')

Consider John 14: 13-14

 Amen



The poster is for a Zoom meeting titled "A GODLY WOMAN'S PRAYER HONOURED" (1 Sam 1). It is scheduled for 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2026 at 4 PM (JAKARTA). The speaker is Rev. Dr. Jack Jin. The Zoom ID is 891 5079 3793 and the Passcode is GAES. Logos for GLJI and GAES are visible in the top corners. Social media links for GLJI are at the bottom.

### Elements of Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel:

- Obedient
- Fervent
- Persistent
- Believing
- Selfless

Thank you, Rev Jack & Angie, for your prayers, support, and encouragement during the bereavement of our dear late Mrs Philip Heng.

May God comfort you all, especially Rev Philip Heng and his family with the Blessed Hope.

Love and prayers from us.

**Rev Edward & Mrs Leah Paauwe**  
**Hope BPC, Adelaide**

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## ***Outreach Ministry at All Saints' Home (Tampines)***

A team of 6 Sovereign Hope BPC members (Elder Tan, Joseph Chan, Lilian Tan, Pit Yuen, Kin Kheng and Kin Hoong) has been involved in reaching out to residents of All Saints Home (ASH) Tampines with Basic Bible Study lessons for the last 4 months. The lessons are conducted once a month with study materials provided by ASH on "What's Next - Starting the Christian Life".



There are of 8 residents who are either young Christians or new converts (who never attended Church before) but came to faith through the chapel ministry of ASH. Our church has been reaching out regularly at



ASH for the last 2 years (with at least 3 outreaches per year).

We started the first lesson on 23/10/25 on the topic - "You're Saved" with 3 other topics covered so far on "Talking to God", "Reading the Bible" and "Being a Disciple".

The study covers a total of 7 topics with the remaining 3 topics "Living a New Life", "Going to Church" and "Serving God and Others" for the next 3 months.

The residents are generally responsive in learning and participating in discussion during the one-hour session. We hope that through these lessons, the residents can grow in their spiritual knowledge in their newfound faith.



Do pray alongside with us as we continue to minister to them in simple ways and pray for The Lord's protection over them and The Lord's provision of their needs (physical, spiritual mental and emotional).

**Our next ASH Outreach to 35-40 residents will be on Sat 21 Mar 2026, 9.30am. Come and be part of this outreach. Register with Eld Yue Kay by Sun 15 Mar.**

## Memory Verse

*1Pet 2:5* Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***A Lively Stone in God's Building (Eph 2:19-22)***". the quarterly series on "***Pictures of the Dynamic Christian Life***".
3. Next Sun, Pastor will preach on "***A Disciplined Athlete in the Race (1Cor 9:24-27, Heb 12:1-4)***".
4. Combined Sunday School Seminar by Pastor on "***The Call & Cost of Discipleship***" after Brunch break.
5. Chinese Fellowship that meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178].
6. There will be a **Mission Outreach to Cameron Highlands on Mar 12** at the **Christian School ministry for Myanmar children** living in Malaysia run by **Bro Benjamin**. The mission team of Pastor, Angie, Joseph & Lilian Chan will also bring educational books and toys to support the school ministry. **Kindly contact Joseph (hp:90587005) or Lilian if you would like to contribute whether in kind or love gifts.**
7. **SHBPC Church Camp** will be **9-12 June 2026** on the theme "***The Biblical Perspective of the Christian & Church in a Digital Age***". The camp speaker is **Dr Scott Hollander** from Tacoma, USA. The camp venue is at **Yello Hotel, Harbor Bay, Batam**. Contact Dn Paul/Bro Joseph Chan for more details and the registration form.
8. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].
9. Pray for:
  - **Travels:** Dr Jason & Bee Leng (Wollongong, 26/2-5/3)
  - **Dr Sam** [Career Pathway], **Yusong** [PostGrad Studies Pathway]
  - **Outreach @All Saints Home (Tampines):** Sat 21 Mar 9.30am.
  - **Agnes' Parents** [health & salvation],
  - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application], **John Almon** [NYP application]
10. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.