



Middleburg Memos

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We cannot understand the _____ of the Christian life without embracing the biblical concept of _____.

The idea goes back to the _____, where _____ and _____ were assigned the _____ to be stewards of all God had created (see _____).

At the heart of stewardship is the understanding that stewards _____ what God has _____ to them but are _____ of His _____.

The biblical view that God owns all things stands in stark contrast to modern _____ and the idea of human _____. We enjoy a world we did not _____. We eat of its fruit, we receive its gifts, and we use its resources—but it is all a _____ from our gracious God.

In the New Testament Jesus used the role of a steward in several _____, clearly teaching that we will all give an _____ and be held _____ for our _____ and _____ of what God has given us (see Matthew 25:14–29; Luke 12:16–21; Luke 16:1–13).

As Christians we understand that all we _____ and all we _____ are at Christ's disposal for the _____ of the _____. We are debtors to the entire world, and the _____ of Jesus Christ is our most _____ (consider _____).

A mature Christian understands that material possessions or _____ cannot _____ what is most _____—the priceless treasure of _____ through Jesus Christ.

Christian stewardship includes our material possessions (_____) but also extends to our _____ and our _____—the _____ of who we are as human beings.

God gives us _____ for the building up of His _____ and not merely personal _____.

Christians are to be characterized by _____. The high calling we have to give is not a _____ but a _____. We must not be motivated by _____ but a _____ sense of _____ (see _____).

One issue of _____ among some Christians has been the _____. In the Old Testament God commanded His people to give a minimum of _____ (see Leviticus 27:30–32; Malachi 3:10).

Some people believe that Christians are no longer under the law and are now _____ from the responsibility of the _____. Many mature believers understand, however, that Christians bear no less responsibility for _____ than God commanded of His people in the OT. In fact, those who have been _____ by Christ are called to an even _____ of giving that is motivated by more than _____ and mere _____.

Cross-References: *Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30-32; Deuteronomy 8:18; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21; 19:21; 23:23; 25:14-29; Luke 12:16-21, 42; 16:1-13; Acts 2:44-47; 5:1-11; 17:24-25; 20:35; Romans 6:6-22; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 6:19-20; 12; 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 12:15; Philippians 4:10-19; 1 Peter 1:18-19*