

Wednesday in the Word Bible Study

First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Mission: To Connect People Who Have a Desire to Become Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ
FMZBC Four Step Strategy - Worship/Study of the Word/**Stewardship**/Service

May 21, 2025



Lesson Focus: ***The Principles of Stewardship***

Rev. Glenda Brown (11:00 am)

Rev. Cozy Bailey (7:30 pm)

Objective: We continue to examine “Stewardship” as a part of First Mount Zion’s Four-Step Strategy for accomplishing our mission “**to connect people who have a desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**” As a result of understanding faithful stewardship as a lifestyle, believers experience spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of the promises of God.

Summary: Stewardship is not just about money. It encompasses a “whole-life” view touching virtually every aspect of life and everything God puts into our hands. Psalm 24:1 proclaims that “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (NIV). Theologian R.C. Sproul states, “stewardship is about exercising our God-given dominion over His creation, reflecting the image of our creator God in His care, responsibility, maintenance, protection, and beautification of His creation.” For the believer, stewardship is not an option, but a responsibility. Today, our study on Stewardship will focus on the Principles of ***Hilarious Generosity, Unconditional Contentment*** and ***Loving Compliance.***

1) The Principle of Hilarious Generosity - God loves givers who give with the right attitude.

What do you observe in 2 Corinthians 9:7 regarding our attitude and giving; Mark 6:32-44 regarding Jesus’s giving? How does Philippians 4:19 speak to you?

2) The Principle of Unconditional Contentment – The steward's contentment is not dependent upon the steward's circumstances.

Read Philippians 4: 11-13. What do we learn from the Apostle Paul in this passage?

What do you think are the steps towards Unconditional Contentment?

3) The Principle of Loving Compliance – Pure obedience prompted by pure love produces pure stewardship.

Read Philippians 2:5-8 and Hebrews 12:1-2. Share your thoughts on Jesus as the perfect example of this principle. Describe specifically His attitude and His actions. How does it relate to you as a faithful steward?

“Stewardship is the wise, purposeful management of all that we have and all that we are. To understand stewardship is to grasp the essence of life’s meaning. To practice stewardship is to fulfill that meaning in a way that pleases God and satisfies the most profound human longings. These are truths with genuine power—a transcendent power that can transform the way we think, the way we plan, the way we act. Explore them. Meditate on them. Dare to put them into practice. They can change your life.”

Sutherland, Dave and Nowery, Kirk. *The 33 Laws of Stewardship: Principles for a Life of true Fulfillment.* Camarillo, California: Spire Resources, Incorporated, 2003.