

Why I am Glad I have been Involved in Stewardship the Past 25 Years

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Bible text: [James 5:1-8](#)

4 Marks of Financial Bondage of the Rich

1. When money increases worries.
 2. When there's a burning desire to get rich quick.
 3. When there's a compromise of moral and ethical obligations in order to make money.
 4. When there's a search for reasons not to give when God prompts the heart.
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I. OBEDIENCE

- [Deuteronomy 14:22-23](#)
- [Exodus 22:29](#)
- [Proverbs 3:9](#)
- [1 Corinthians 16:2](#)
- [Malachi 3:10](#)

II. IT IS A BLESSING

- [Acts 20:33-35](#)

Blessed = joy that wells up

- [Luke 6:38](#)

A Summary of Scripture Teaches 3 Things About Generosity

1. Generous living produces emotional happiness
2. Generous living produces spiritual holiness
3. Generous living produces material prosperity

III. KEEPS ME BALANCED

- [1 Timothy 6:17](#)

Money Does 2 Things to People

1. It makes us arrogant
2. It becomes our source of hope

- [Proverbs 30:8-9](#)
- [1 Timothy 6:17](#)

IV. INVOLVED IN MEETING A NEED

- [1 John 3:17](#)
- [James 2:15-16](#)

V. INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY

- [Matthew 6:19-24](#)

“I value all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity.” – John Wesley

“I place no value on anything I possess except in relation to the kingdom of God.” – David Livingstone

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot