

Series Title:

"Whose Kingdom Are You Building?"
(Coming to Terms with **Our** Role as **His** Stewards)

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Sermon Title:

"Stewardship in Troubled Times"
(Part I)

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Sermon Text:

II Corinthians 8:1-5

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Introduction:

Stewardship is what I _____ with what I _____ after I say, "I _____."

- When you get right down to it, the *watershed issue* is one of _____: are we stewards or owners?
- I Corinthians 6:19b-20.

You see, for the Christian it isn't about _____ it up; it's about _____ it down!

- In this introductory message, there are basically two questions that we need to answer:

I. What Is The Proper Christian _____ Of The Present Economic Crisis?

"There are plenty of root causes for the present crisis, and yet as Christians we see it for what it is. It is the result of unbridled greed, blatant irresponsibility, and gross mismanagement at virtually every level of society!"

- I John 2:15-16; James 3:13-18

"When you operate on the basis of worldly wisdom, you get what worldly wisdom produces!"

- I Timothy 6:6-10
- *Money is a _____ that is to be used responsibly by God's stewards for the accomplishment of God's purposes.*

II. What Is The Proper Christian _____ To The Present Economic Crisis?

- When we view life through the lens of Scripture, two things will happen:

A. _____ will be _____

- *For the Christian, fear is a totally inappropriate response! That is how the _____ responds!*

- Matthew 6:19-34; Philippians 4:6; Habakkuk 3:17-19

B. _____ will be _____

- Hebrews 11:1

✓ *Faith confidently _____ what God has promised* (v. 1a “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for”)

✓ *Faith courageously _____ on what God has promised* (v. 1b “the conviction of things not seen”)

- There are several things that characterize an activated faith:

1. *An activated faith _____ to _____*

2. *An activated faith _____ without _____*

3. *An activated faith looks at _____, not the _____*

4. *An activated faith displays the _____ and _____ of God*

We have our positions in life not for _____ but for _____!

- This is a time when God is gathering the _____ to lead the _____ to a place of everlasting hope and peace!

“Faithful Christian disciples have always responded to God’s call on their lives by giving generously in times of financial crisis!”

Conclusion:

- So If I am going to be a good Christian steward, how do I get from here to there? There are some pretty logical steps:

1. *_____ yourself completely to God*

2. *Admit that everything that you are, everything that you have – it all _____ to Him*

3. *Understand that God blesses you for a purpose - _____ purpose!*

4. *Start _____ God by giving 10% back to Him through your church*