



PRAYING WITH PURPOSE MINISTRIES

Principle of Stewardship

I. Introduction

- A. God's plan to fulfill our lives (Genesis 2:15)
- B. Principle works by faith (Hebrews 11:6)
- C. Cannot be fully comprehended by the natural mind (I Corinthians 2:14)
- D. Principle's benefits are spiritually discerned (I Corinthians 3:9-13)
- E. The Holy Spirit — organizer, enabler, director (John 14:26, 15:26, 6:11-14)

II. Paradigm (Pattern): A character building principle

Character is the essential ingredient in developing integrity and excellence in whatever we do.

- A. Integrity
- B. Excellence of Ministry — qualifications
 - 1. Qualified to handle the things of God
 - 2. Knowledgeable
 - 3. Honest
 - 4. Competent
 - 5. Faithful
 - 6. Good character (moral, spiritual)
 - 7. Steadfast

III. Plan/Objective: To be a wise steward over the provisions of God.

God created the natural realm exactly like the spiritual realm for man to rule just like He rules the spiritual (Genesis 1:26-28). We were to imitate our Father because God created us in His image and likeness, which means we have all things necessary to fulfill our created role. (Psalm 8:1-9)

- A. Faithful stewardship arises out of sense of appreciation
- B. There must be sowing/investment
- C. Stewardship requires maintenance
- D. God has given us stewardship over
 - 1. Self
 - 2. Others
 - 3. His Word
 - 4. His things (provisions)
 - 5. Finance
 - 6. Government
 - 7. Earth/environment

IV. Purpose/Goal: To super abound having all our needs met and meet the needs of others. (Ephesians 4:28)

- A. Faithful stewards over reading thru the Bible
- B. Invest/sow the Word in your heart
- C. Maintain/meditate on the Word

V. Practical Application

- A. Remember to keep God (His Word) in first place
- B. Redeem the time
- C. Resist self-righteousness — be humble