



Stewardship Is About Priorities

I Kings 17:1-16

Sunday, October 20, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. (Prov.11:24-25)

1. When God sets out to meet a _____ He almost always uses _____.

Certainly there were many widows in Israel who needed help in Elijah's time, when there was no rain for three and a half years and hunger stalked the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a widow of Zerahath- a foreigner in the land of Sidon." (Luke 4:25,26)

2. God often uses those who have _____ to give _____.

3. God always holds us _____ for what we have.

4. God requires that we give to Him _____.

You shall have no other God's before Me. (Exodus 20:3)

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matt.6:33)

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

5. God expects us to give based upon His _____ not our _____.

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Prioritized the following four items: work, friends, ministry, leisure.

Why did you put them in that order? What could possibly change the order?

Q2: If the Lord were to create a priority list for you, what do you think would be in the top 3?

Q3: Have you ever gone through a time when it seemed like God's provision had dried up? If so, describe. How did you make it through? What did you learn about the Lord in the process?

Q4: Read Matthew 19:27-30. What does this passage teach you about priorities?

Q5: Has the Lord ever asked you to give out of your "poverty"? If so, explain.

What was the result of your obedience?

Q6: Share a few examples of what you think giving God our "leftovers" looks like?

Q7: Read Malachi 1:6-8, 13. What does the Lord think of giving Him "leftovers"?

Q8: Where does giving to God fit in your list of time and financial priorities? If He is not receiving your "first fruit", what practical and perhaps drastic changes do you need to make?