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## Introduction

Trust is the single most important factor in any relationship. It is the glue.

## Thesis

Christian stewardship is not the church's method for raising money, it is God's way of raising Christians.

## 3 Reasons Christians Don't Give More to God

1. They don't think they can give and meet their other needs.
2. They don't know how to give.
3. They don't plan to give.

## Take an Inventory - Psalm 139 23-24

1. Only God knows everything about us. (v. 23) My inventory should include God, others, and myself.
2. Only God can lead me correctly. (V. 24) My tendency is to follow evil ways. (Proverbs 14:12-13) Taking inventory and trusting God begins with me. I do my part - God does His part. I accept responsibility God responds.

## Stewardship Principles That Make a Difference

1. The "Who's in Charge?" Principle: God is the owner; I am the manager.
2. The "Give and Grow" Principle: Practicing Stewardship Produces Growth.
3. The "Do It Now" Principle: Stewardship deals with our present resources.
4. The "I'm In Debt" Principle: From the moment we are born, we are in debt.
5. The "Fountain of Youth" Principle: We will live forever through our giving.

## Practicing stewardship enables people to:

- Find their spiritual gifts I Corinthians 12
- Increase their faith - Malachi 3:10
- Become spiritually sensitive Malachi 3:8-10
- Be fruitful in God's kingdom - Matthew 25:14-30
- Receive blessings from God - Malachi 3:10-12
- Be a blessing to others Acts 6:30, Galatians 6:10
- Make a lasting contribution to God Matthew 6:20

