



# FAMILY CONFERENCE GUIDE

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2025



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## PURPOSE

To determine what God is leading our family to give to The Year of Kingdom Excellence Stewardship Initiative.

## PREPARATION

Set an appointed time for the conference (free of distraction) for the family to meet, pray, study, and discuss what your commitment will be. The conference will likely take 30-60 minutes, depending on the age of the children.

Instruct each family member to begin thinking of sacrifices that God wants that person and the entire family to make in order to give.

## LEADER

Preferably head of household, with all family members present.

## DATES

Hold your Family Conference sometime between February 3rd-4th.

## AFTER YOUR FAMILY CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY

Once you complete your Family Conference Bible study, complete your digital commitment card online ([TheROCKWOI.com/Stewardship-2025](http://TheROCKWOI.com/Stewardship-2025)) in preparation for Commitment Sunday, which is February 9th.



# FAMILY CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY

## LESSON FOCUS: STEWARDSHIP

In this lesson, we will discuss one of the primary dispositions and practices of anyone who has determined to be a worshipper of the Lord Jesus Christ – stewardship. Stewardship is the number one practice of a Kingdom citizen. It is the personification of seeking first the Kingdom of God and all other things being added to you (Matthew 6:33). The Kingdom of God is the ultimate seat and throne of majesty and sovereignty, which suggests that all things belong to God, all things come from God, and all things will ultimately return to God. Thus, we are to seek the Kingdom of God. Seeking the Kingdom of God means we are to see the King's dominion, rule, and reign. Not only are we to seek first the Kingdom of God, but also His righteousness, which means to be right with God. Our righteousness is the result of God declaring us right with Him.

In the book of Malachi, Israel was not right with God, because they stole from God His possessions and His plans of economic management. God told Israel to return to Him, and they didn't realize they were distant from God. Thus, the Prophet Malachi asked them the rhetorical question, "Shall a man rob God?" Of course, the obvious answer is no he shouldn't, but Israel had indeed robbed Him. Israel robbed God in their tithes and their voluntary offerings (Malachi 3:6-8). God stated that the way Israel could be made right with Him was to return His possessions. To be right with God is to acknowledge Him as King, and as King He sits on the throne of ultimate ownership – all things belong to God!

*"Blessed be the name of God from eternity past to eternity future! For wisdom and power are his alone. . . – Daniel 2:20*

The earth is Adonai's, with all that is in it, the world and those who live there; for he set its foundations on the seas and established it on the rivers. – Psalm 24:1-2

Never seek revenge, my friends; instead, leave that to God's anger; for in the Tanakh it is written, "Adonai says, 'Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay.'" – Romans 12:19

"The land is not to be sold in perpetuity, because the land belongs to me — you are only foreigners and temporary residents with me. – Leviticus 25:23

The term "stewardship" is actually a biblical term. It is the Greek word *oikonomos* [ <οἰκονόμος> (oy-kon-om'-os)], which comes from *oikos* [ <οἶκος> (oy'-kos)], which means "house, household economy," and *nomos* [ <νόμος> (nom'-os)], which means "law, rule management." A steward is "one that is put in charge of a household or estate." A steward is a manager (Luke 12:42). Figuratively, a steward is one entrusted by God with spiritual authority and administration (1 Corinthians 4:1). Thus, stewardship is a term that suggests that we are simply managers of God's possessions, not owners. The Bible has an array of examples of stewardship, such as the Parables of the Talents and the Minas. These parables teach us:

- Everything we have, God gave it to us
- Some of us have been given more than others
- To whom much is given, much is required
- We must give an account for what God has given us
- The seriousness of stewardship

As stewards, we are called to ensure that we support God's program with our time, talent, and treasure. God is King and everything belongs to Him. When we realize this, it brings us to another reality, which is nothing belongs to us! Job stated it the best when he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return there. Adonai gave; Adonai took; blessed be the name of Adonai" (Job 1:21). Then the Bible states, "In all this Job neither committed

a sin nor put blame on God" (Job 1:22). Job teaches us the biblical principle, position, and posture of the Kingdom citizen, which is referred to as stewardship.

Stewardship cannot be understood nor fully embraced without understanding that all things come from God, all things belong to God, and ultimately all things will return to God. Stewardship simply means that you and I are managing God's resources, and one day we will be held accountable for how we managed God's resources. A steward is first a worshipper of God, making it easier to understand that all things come from Him, all things belong to Him, and ultimately all things will return to Him. God told Israel to remember that it is God who gives you the power to get wealth in order to establish His covenant.

*...you will think to yourself, 'My own power and the strength of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' No, you are to remember Adonai your God, because it is he who is giving you the power to get wealth, in order to confirm his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as is happening even today." – Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

We must REMEMBER: **All things come from God, all things belong to God, and ultimately all things will return to God. We are just stewards!**

When we understand stewardship, which is a Kingdom principle for Kingdom people, we understand that everything belongs to God, and that we must give an account to God for what He has put in our possession. We are called to be stewards so that we can participate in the great plan of God for world evangelism and discipleship. As I have taught you, there are two things that God can do with our economics:

(1) He can blow on it:

*"Then this word of Adonai came through Haggai the prophet: "So is now the time for you to be living in your own paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Therefore here is*

what Adonai-Tzva'ot says: 'Think about your life! You sow much but bring in little; you eat but aren't satisfied; you drink but never have enough; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who works for a living earns wages that are put in a bag full of holes.'

"Here is what Adonai-Tzva'ot says: 'Think about your life! Go up into the hills, get wood, and rebuild the house. I will be pleased with that, and then I will be glorified,' says Adonai. 'You looked for much, but it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?' asks Adonai-Tzva'ot. 'Because my house lies in ruins, while every one of you runs to take care of his own house. This is why the sky above you has withheld the dew, so that there is none, and the land withholds its yield. In fact, I called for a drought on the land and on the hills, on the grain, the wine and the olive oil, on what the ground brings up, on men, animals and on all that hands produce.'" – Haggai 1:3-11

(2) He can breathe on it:

"Bring the whole tenth into the storehouse, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. "See if I won't open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs. For your sakes I will forbid the devourer to destroy the yield from your soil; and your vine will not lose its fruit before harvest-time," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. "All nations will call you happy, for you will be a land of delights," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. – Malachi 3:10-12

A call to stewardship – The house of God on all of our campuses:

- Broadway
- Edgebrook
- Alvin
- Global/International
- Online



### Questions:

1. In your words, what is a steward?
2. What is the difference between the tithe and the offering?
3. What happens when you take care of your house, but not the house of God?
4. Why should Kingdom citizens engage in stewardship?









## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

### **INFORMATION SUNDAY**

JANUARY 19TH

### **STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATIONS**

JANUARY 19TH - JANUARY 24TH

### **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

JANUARY 12TH & 19TH

### **FAMILY CONFERENCE**

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

FEBRUARY 3RD-4TH

### **36-HOUR PRAYER CHAIN**

FEBRUARY 7TH AND 8TH

### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 9TH

### **CELEBRATION (FIRSTFRUIT)**

#### **SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 16TH

### **FINAL PLEDGE DUE**

NOVEMBER 30TH

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