

Financial Stewardship Assessment

In God's economy, He is the owner of everything, and we are His stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else's possessions. So, we have the privilege of and the responsibility for managing whatever God has given us.

In the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25:14-28, God makes it clear that we should strive to be good and faithful stewards. That means to be faithful with all the things we are given, even little things, regardless of how much we're given or whether the possessions belong to someone else.

What would God say about your financial stewardship right now?

To help you assess how you're doing as a financial steward, rate yourself on each of the following. Circle one answer on the scale, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent:

Knowing and applying God's Word to your financial decisions 1	2	3	4	5
Giving to the Lord by tithing to a local church 1	2	3	4	5
Other giving to support the work to expand God's kingdom 1	2	3	4	5
Financial margin (spending less than you make) 1	2	3	4	5
Using a spending plan 1	2	3	4	5
Discerning wants from needs 1	2	3	4	5
Having emergency savings (minimum goal is \$1,000) 1	2	3	4	5
Paying off credit card debt 1	2	3	4	5
Paying off other consumer debt (car, student, and/or family loans) 1	2	3	4	5
Having a manageable mortgage 1	2	3	4	5
Saving for major purchases 1	2	3	4	5
Saving for retirement	2	3	4	5
Saving for children's education 1	2	3	4	5
Have an updated will 1	2	3	4	5
Sharing God's financial principles with others 1	2	3	4/	5
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Total stewardship score

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Now, analyze your score.

If your score is:

15–25	You've made a good start on your stewardship journey. Consider contacting a Crown Money Map Coach for help. Also, check out the <i>Crown Money Map</i> ™ and begin following it.
26–50	You're well on your way. For additional encouragement, sign up for one of Crown's studies. Or, consider facilitating one of the studies you've already taken.
51–75	You're becoming a faithful steward. As a help to others, study to become a Crown Money Map Coach.

Here are some Scriptures and reflective questions to get you thinking more about being a good steward:

- Read Acts 20:35 and 1 Corinthians 13:3. What attitude does God want you to have about giving?
- Read Malachi 3:8-10. Why does God want you to tithe and give offerings?
- Read Proverbs 22:7 and Proverbs 6:5. What do the gazelle's actions reveal about the way you should view your debts?
- Read Proverbs 21:20. Why is saving the opposite of debt?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12. What can God do with a good steward?

