

**"WHY. GOD MADE US
AND THE EFFECTS IT HAS ON OUR LIVES."
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BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP**

1. God OWNS EVERYTHING ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH

Genesis 1:1 (NIV): *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV): *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

Genesis 1 :25b (NIV): *" ... And God saw that it was good."*

Genesis 1 :31a (NIV): *"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good ... "*

Genesis 1 :27 (NIV): *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*

Genesis 1 :28 (NIV): *"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

Genesis 2:15 (NIV): *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*

2. You and I were made to MANAGE WHAT GOD OWNS

Genesis 1 :28b (KJV): *" ... and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."*

1 Corinthians 3:9 (AMP): *"For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God; you are God's garden and vineyard and field under cultivation, {you are} God's building."*

Matthew 25:23 (NIV): *"His master replied, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"*

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (MSG): *"If you start thinking to yourselves, 'I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!'"-well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors-as it is today."*

Deuteronomy 14:22 (TEV): *"Set aside a tithe-a tenth of all that your fields produce each year."*

Deuteronomy 14:23b (TLB): *" ... The purpose of tithing is to teach us to put God first in every situation."*

Malachi 3:8-9 (NIV): *·Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me."*

Malachi 3:10 (NIV): *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, " says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

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