

Being Faithful Stewards with God's Generosity

Scripture for Reflection

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:8-13)



A Prayer for Today

O God of abundance and generosity, giver of life and all good gifts, we see your goodness everywhere. You know about every detail of our lives, numbering even the hairs on our heads. Your thoughts about us, loving God, are precious. On this day, as we focus our attention on money and possessions, may your Spirit guide us in the knowledge that you know the importance of money in our lives. Help us to be prudent with our finances and to keep working for justice and peace with a clear God-centered focus. Keep us always mindful of the larger and eternal work you are doing in this world into which you are calling us to shine as your lights. We open ourselves afresh to you today for your leading. It is in the strong name of Christ we speak this prayer. *Amen.*

Call to Worship

One: For what do we need to be thankful on this day of worship?

ALL: Our God is a generous God of abundance, God loves us deeply, God has blessed us abundantly, and God's Word is our guide in matters of money.

One: Of what do we need to be reminded in this service of worship today?

ALL: We have been called to manage wisely everything God has placed in our care, and we are to be good and faithful stewards with God's money and possessions.

One: With what needful thought can we leave this service of worship today?

ALL: In dependence upon Christ, our Savior, we will seek to enrich our lives and this community by growing as wise and faithful stewards, not only to survive but also to thrive in God's abundance.



Hymn Selections

*Be Thou My Vision
O Jesus, I Have Promised*