

## Stewards Of God

According to Webster's dictionary a steward is "one who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs." Many parables of Jesus relate to stewardship (Luke 12:42-46; 16:1-13; 19:12-27; etc.). The idea of stewardship carries with it the idea of accountability. If I am your steward you will expect me to handle your affairs, your property, and your money properly and you will hold me accountable for the misuse of those things.

In truth, we are all stewards of God. He owns everything and we are simply stewards, managers of the things God has entrusted us with. God said, "If I were hungry I would not tell you; for the world is Mine and all its fullness" (Psalm 50:12). God created everything. He owns it all and nothing "belongs" to you or me. If you don't believe this is true just try to take it with you when you die. The question of life is not how much can you accumulate. It is how are you using what you have been given? And God will hold you accountable. How much of your Master's goods are you wasting? How much do you spend on yourself? How much is reinvested for the growth of God's kingdom.

- Alton Norman

Owingsville church of Christ, Owingsville, KY (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

## Heart Changes

If people are to become like Jesus there must be heart changes. The result of these changes of heart will be changes in our behavior. The heart change is what gives room for God to work in our life. Realizing certain truths helps us to change our heart. We must learn from our Bible study that we are redeemed from sin; we belong to God; our salvation is by, in and through Jesus; He loves us infinitely and wants us to go to heaven. He is our ever-present Helper, and He will never leave nor forsake us. "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3) Let's go to heaven together. I love you.

- Charles Box, Walnut Street church of Christ, Greenville, AL (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

## How Should One Read the Bible?

- We should read carefully, remembering that it is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- To read candidly with an open mind, free from prejudice (Acts 17:11) is essential to understanding the Bible.
- Constant readers we must be. Plan our time with the "book" and do not let other things interfere (Psa. 1:1-2).
- As we read we must be committed to the Truth that we learn to the extent that whatever that "Truth" is, it is going to be a part of our life.

- Author Unknown, via *Bulletin Digest.com* -

*The religion in your heart should be visible in your life.*

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. (Church Building); Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Building); Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (Church Building).

**OUR SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES:** Resumes this evening, 5:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Building.

**OUR MEETING:** Thanks to Hiram Kemp for his work in presenting the Word in such an outstanding and comprehensive way.

**THANKS:** To Ed & Linda Wiersbicki for the lovely floral and fern arrangements placed around our building during our meeting.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Marcella Martin, 8625 Wood Lake Court #102, Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 733-8591. Ernest Robinson, Berkeley Springs Rehabilitation Center, 456 Autumn Acres Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Weirton Heights ..... Oct. 11-16 ..... John Board

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Randy Waite, Emma Rine, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **BEAVER MEDICAL:** Steve Rhodes (Jenny's husband) **UPMC, Pittsburgh:** Mary Jane Bowers, Randy Waite. **MERCY HOSPITAL, Canton, OH:** Jim Loy (brother of Twila Adamson). **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 110). **ORCHARDS OF EL REHAB:** Rich Owen, Suite 701, Room 9, Armstrong Lane, East Liverpool, OH 43920. (Rich's parents were members here many years ago). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### If you wish to help Steve & Kim Higginbotham

- Give online by going to [www.kamscoc.org](http://www.kamscoc.org) and click the "Give" button. Follow the prompts and select the fund "Steve Higginbotham-Medical."
- Or, give a check made out to "Kams church of Christ" and put "Steve Higginbotham" in the memo. Mail it to: 6612 Beaver Ridge Rd., Knoxville, TN 37931.
- Steve & Kim's Home address: 3318 October Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931.

## Plug the Leak!

On March 11, 1864, the Dale Dike Dam in South Yorkshire, England broke and flooded the city of Sheffield. More than 600 houses were damaged or destroyed and more than 240 people lost their lives. It is believed that a small leak in the wall of the dam expanded until the dam failed.

Can you imagine? All of that devastation caused by just a small leak? God knew the destructive nature of something that starts out small and is left unchecked. "The beginning of strife," our Lord tells us, "is like releasing water" (Prov. 17:14). Letting out just a little can lead to major strife. "Therefore," we are instructed directly and clearly, "stop contention before a quarrel starts." The NASB says, "abandon the quarrel before it breaks out." If someone had found that small leak in the dam in 1864 and stopped it, lives could have been saved!

If someone (i.e., me or you) would plug up a leak in our temper before it bursts, much heartache and strife can be avoided! Let's learn to plug the leak and walk away!

- David Sproule

via Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida