

God's Promises of Prosperity in Stewardship



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Foreword
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God does not and cannot lie; it is not in His nature.

We are bombarded with commercials on the television, radio, and newspapers that offer promises. For example, "Get 30% off the retail price if you purchase before midnight tonight. Hurry while supplies last." These promises all have conditions attached to them. They also have expiration dates and they serve as a mechanism to advertise the products or services being offered. By comparison God's promises also have conditions attached to them. However, His promises have no expiration date. The Bible says in Psalms 90:2: *Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.* He is an everlasting God and His promises do not expire. There is no concept of a limited time offer in God.

Unlike the promises made in the commercials, we don't have to worry about getting God's promises fulfilled "while supplies last" or be concerned about not reading the fine print. His supplies are endless and there is no fine print since His conditions are defined in the Bible for all to read and understand. In Hebrews 6:18 and Titus 1:2, the Bible states that God keeps His word, therefore we can rest assured that His promises are true. When we as Christians claim the promises of Christ in our lives, we delight Him and He springs into action to fulfill them. We also provide an opportunity for Him to demonstrate His divine and awesome power in our lives. Fulfilling His promises in our lives allows God to advertise His goodness and mercy to others. What a blessed thought, we as the created beings partnering with the Creator of the universe to advertise His blessing to others.

There are over fifty promises in the Bible that pertain to Christian stewardship. All of these promises are contained in my book entitled, *50^{Plus} Promises of God in Stewardship*. The promises are organized into seven categories (Prosperity, Provision, Protection, Admonition, Praise, Admiration or self worth and Prayers). This free eBook contains fifteen of God's thirty promises of prosperity in stewardship.

I invite you to read this book, to embrace the principles of stewardship in your life, and to claim the promises in stewardship. God's waiting on you and the whole universe is watching.

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Facts About God's Promises

*For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.
2 Corinthians 1:20 (AMP)*

There are three important aspects of each promise of God:

- (1) The nature of the promise
- (2) The condition that is attached or annexed to the promise, and
- (3) The use of the promise.

Nature of the Promise

The promises of God are made in, through, and for Christ. He is the guarantor of the promises. The promises can therefore be considered as certificates of deposit. Christ made the deposit for us, and allows us to present our drafts--these promises--and to take away what God has promised to give, and for which Christ has already received on our behalf.

There is the letter and the spirit of God's promises. Under the Old Testament dispensation, many of the promises seem to refer chiefly to temporal blessings, but only in the letter; for these promises, as applied in the New Testament, have a deep spiritual meaning. The promises of the Old Testament very commonly speak of worldly prosperity as the reward of the righteous, when, as it appears from the way in which they are applied in the New Testament, a great deal more than mere worldly prosperity and advancement was really meant—spiritual blessings, great and abundant, were really in the spirit of these promises, crouched under language that seemed to promise temporal prosperity only.¹

The Conditions of the Promise

All of God's promises are conditional. Consider the promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14:

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

The promise is that God will bless His people, and the conditions are that the people must humble themselves and pray. The fulfillment of the promise represents the end of the experience and the condition is the means to the end. Being able to receive God's promises is dependent upon keeping His commandments and doing the things that are pleasing in His sight. It is not a trade-off, nor a game we can manipulate, but a service done out of love that is appreciated and rewarded.

The Use of the Promise

God's ability and willingness to fulfill His promises are infinite. In order to effectively use God's promises, we must have a relationship with Him.

When using the promises, we must always remember to fulfill the conditions on which they are to be fulfilled. These conditions may not always be expressed in connection with every promise, but they are implied.

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1. *The Promises of God*, 1850 - by Charles G. Finney



Facts About Stewardship

"I have a primary responsibility to myself: to make myself into the best person I can possibly be. Then, and only then, will I have something worthwhile to share." (from Living with Sobriety)

The word steward is used fifteen (15) times in the Bible and it means, "manager of a household" or "the manager of a specific area within the household." The work of the steward is called stewardship.

God is the Owner and He has entrusted various gifts to us depending on our abilities to manage them. We are His stewards, and we are also required to give an account to Him concerning the way we conduct our stewardship responsibilities. Everything that we own belongs to Him. The Bible says in Colossians 1:16:

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 requires us to exercise careful and faithful management of the things that He has entrusted to us.¹ Stewardship is about more than just tithes and offerings or money; it represents the lifestyle of an individual who has an intimate relationship with God and has surrendered his or her life to His will.

The Principles of Stewardship - Conditions of the Promises in Stewardship

There are twelve (12) principles² in the Bible that applies to the way we should live as stewards. These principles of stewardship are the conditions to be met in our lives, as required by God, if He is to fulfill His promises in stewardship. Here is a summary of these principles, or conditions of God's stewardship promises:

- 1. We have an intimate relationship with God.**
- 2. We accept God's ownership of everything.**
- 3. Stewardship is a personal matter between God and the individual.**

- 4. We desire to be faithful stewards.**
- 5. Much is required from those who have been blessed with much. (Luke 12:48)**
- 6. We are giving our best to God.**
- 7. We understand and accept God's gift on Calvary.**
- 8. We support those who dedicate their lives to God's work and ministry.**
- 9. We see stewardship as a vital part of our personal salvation.**
- 10. We accept that God will conduct an audit of our stewardship responsibilities.**
- 11. We allow God to demonstrate His love in us through our acts of stewardship.**
- 12. Our commitment to stewardship is voluntary.**

These principles are discussed in detail in the book, *Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship*.

God is a God of principles. Principles in the natural world work every time they are applied. Whenever you apply the principle of gravity to an object, when you release it, it will fall. Whenever you apply the principle you get the results. God's principles are not subject to change or to human interpretation. The Bible says very clearly, "I the Lord do not change..." (Malachi 3:6). You can rely on God. He does not change His mind. He wants the best for you and He laid down the principles for you to have the benefits of His promises. Everyone must follow the conditions in order to receive the fulfillment of the promises, which renders Him a fair and just God.

References:

1. *Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship*, page 12 - Christopher N. Sealey
2. *Ibid* - Chapters 4 and 5



God's Promises of Prosperity in Stewardship

"The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. "
 -- Proverbs 10:22

God's promises of prosperity in stewardship are how we can expect to be blessed when we apply His principles of stewardship in our daily lives. We can expect our prayers to be heard and answered, often in amazing ways. The purpose of prosperity promises in stewardship is to offer you a way towards living a life that is more fulfilled; one where your desires come true, where you see through your fears and release them, where relationships work, where wealth is abundant by divine design, and where you replace struggle and confusion with certainty and ease by being motivated with love to use your God-given talents to benefit others. We are not entitled to these promises; they are a gift from God. It is not a Gospel of prosperity, which was addressed to us, but a Gospel that speaks to the heart, where the Lord promised to live within us.

Listed below are fifteen of God's promises of prosperity in stewardship, as recorded in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. You can discover all of God's wonderful promises for you in stewardship by obtaining a copy of **50^{Plus} Promises of God in Stewardship** (refer to the Appendix for details)

Deuteronomy 15:10	Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.
Deuteronomy 28:2-8	All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God. You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock-the calves of your herds and the

	<p>lamb of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.</p>
Proverbs 3:9-10	<p>Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.</p>
Proverbs 11:25	<p>A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.</p>
Proverbs 19:17	<p>He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.</p>
Proverbs 22:9	<p>A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.</p>
Proverbs 28:27 ^a	<p>He who gives to the poor will lack nothing.</p>
Isaiah 33:15-17	<p>He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil. This is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him. Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar.</p>
Isaiah 58:10-12	<p>And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of</p>

	Streets with Dwellings.
Malachi 3:10	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.
Matthew 6:4	So that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.
Matthew 10:42	And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."
Luke 6:38	Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
2 Corinthians 9:11	You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
Galatians 6:7-9	Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

About the Author

If you ask Christopher Sealey, who is the author? he will tell you that Jesus Christ is The Author (Hebrews 12:2). He sees himself as the human medium that Christ uses to get the word out to others in this world. Christopher N. Sealey has a passion for ministry.

For the last seven (7) years of his ministry, his focus has been on teaching the principles of true Christian stewardship. He is a dynamic and internationally traveled speaker, and has a wonderful ability to inform and inspire audiences of all peoples and nations. His first book, **Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship**, has been accepted by numerous Christian and secular organizations as a valuable resource on stewardship.

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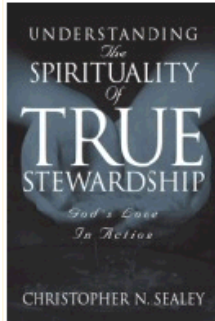
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Appendix

More resources to help you understand God's principles of stewardship and live a successful Christian life.

Recommended



Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship - God's Love in Action

by Christopher N. Sealey

Most people equate stewardship with the solicitation of money. In this book, the author seeks to remove that stigma by providing a comprehensive biblical outline on Christian stewardship.

"In tackling the sometimes unpopular subject of giving in the church, author Sealey has done a good job in his research. Using Scripture passages in a scholarly manner as authority for his statements, he explains to the believer why giving is so important. Most of the material covered is in keeping with conventional Christian teachings. There is much helpful material here, with suggestions for believers to use to help them be more systematic in their giving and forms and plans to help pastors in their efforts to raise funds for their churches. The writing is well done, highly readable and well-edited."

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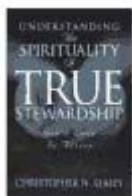
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A Study Guide to



This tremendously popular study guide was developed by Christopher Sealey to assist church members and leaders to quickly and easily comprehend the Biblical truths of stewardship in his book, **Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship -God's Love in Action**. It also includes a Spiritual Gifts assessment and implementation plan to assist you in realizing your true potential in the service of God.



Reasonably priced at \$6.99 and is downloaded online in pdf format, which means that you have instant usability and accessibility.

This is another wonderful and scripturally sound book from Christian author and lecturer Christopher Sealey. It is in ebook format and will also be available in Spanish (50 Promesas más del Dios en la administración). You will find biblical promises throughout to help you start or improve your adherence to God's principles of stewardship in your life. God gave us His principles of stewardship, discussed in detail in the book [Understanding the Spirituality of True Stewardship](#), so that we can live successful Christian lives while helping others to do so as well. In addition, He blesses us for our obedience to His will. When we embrace God's principles of stewardship in our lives, He promises or guarantees that the outcome will be to our advantage. Sealey has searched the Scriptures to find these promises of God in stewardship and has grouped them into seven (7) categories:

Category 1 - Promises of Prosperity

Category 2 - Promises of Provision

Category 3 - Promises of Admonition

Category 4 - Promises of Protection

Category 5 - Promises of Praise

Category 6 - Promise of Prayers

Category 7 - Promise of Admiration or Self Worth

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