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The 7 Pillars of a Healthy Church

Wednesdays in The Word

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PILLAR 6: Faithful Stewardship

I. Stewardship 101

Psalm 24:1;50:10;89:11; Gen. 2:15; Haggai 2:8; 1 Cor. 4:2

- One of most dominant themes in scripture deals with how resources are managed
- Four-Dimensional Stewardship
- Time, Talent, Resources, Relationships

II. Stewardship of Time

- The word servant appears 57 times in New Testament
- The word serve appears 58 times in New Testament
- Servanthood Model *Psalm 100:2; Mark 9:35*
- Human appreciation cannot be a motivating factor
- Without investment of volunteers local church cannot impact community
- We must not simply do good works, but walk in them *James 1:22; Ephesians 2:10*

III. Stewardship of Talents

- God has endowed every believer with a gift *I Cor. 12:4-11;27-30*
- We have different gifts, but must work together *I Cor. 12:12-26*
- We must strive to become functioning members

IV. Stewardship of Relationships

I Peter 4:8-11

- Stewardship centers on being in relationship with others
- Godly stewardship modeled by early church *Acts 2:44-47*
- Love, hospitality and service expand our understanding of stewardship
- Our relationship with the earth matters *Gen. 2:19-20*

Financial Stewardship

V. Signs of Poor Financial Stewardship

- If I am not paying my bills on time.
- If I am borrowing money to pay bills.
- If I must pawn something in order to get daily resources.



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- If I am making loans to pay off debts.
- If I am constantly stressed about finances.
- If debt collectors are calling me.
- If I am receiving disconnect notifications.
- If I have something pending with a collection agency.
- If I don't know my credit score.

VI. Giving God's Way

- God doesn't need money
- God wants us to learn to give without excuse, complaint, or reservation *2 Cor. 9:6-7*
- When we don't give we rob God of the opportunity to bless us
- Old Testament Giving *Gen. 14:18-20; Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:8-12*
- New Testament Giving *John 1:16-17; 3:16; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 8:1-15*

VII. The Stewardship Challenge

- Set grace giving as goal
 - Remove obstacles (debt)
 - Manage what God has already giving you
- Set progressive goals
- Make sacrifices for the Lord *II Sam. 24:18-24*