

## **Message Series: The Pursuit of Godl-y-ness**

### **Message Title: Stewards or Slaves?**

#### **Key Scripture:**

Hebrews 13:5 NIV

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."

Psalms 16:5–6 NIV

5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

#### **Message Summary**

Are we a steward or a slave? There are three things to think about to answer this question, you cannot steward that which you serve, we can be content with the present, because He is present, and true prosperity is having the Lord as our portion.

We steward our finances well, and keep our lives free from the love of money, because just as God chooses us in Jesus, we choose Him, and choose to make Him our portion, Him the only one that can truly satisfy us.

#### **How does applying this message affect our:**

##### **Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people**

*We often don't like to talk about money, but who do we have deep relationships with, deep enough that we are willing to talk about the choices we are making with our money?*

##### **Discipleship – growing in Christ both in thought and action**

*Do we understand that we are making choices in our finances and the way we spend and use our money, and if so – how do our choices reflect that we are followers of Jesus?*

##### **Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities**

*Do you have the gift of giving, or the gift of making money – or both!! Are you good with money and able to steward well – or is this an area you need to grow in?*

##### **Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers**

*How generous are we? Do those around us see a difference in the way we steward and use our financial resources? How can we steward what we have, to share the love of Christ?*

**Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis**

*Is God our portion? Are we truly looking to Him to be what satisfies us. Often in the bible covetousness equates to idolatry, because it means we are looking to something else other than God to satisfy us, and put that above God. Are you content with the now, because His presence is with you?*