

We Are Stewards of God



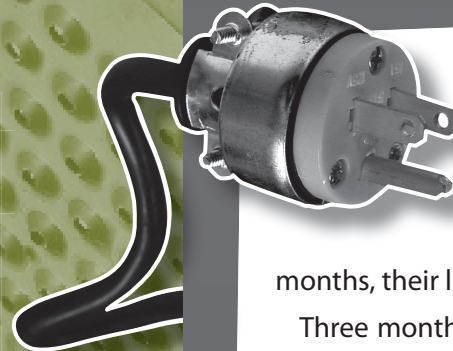
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Connect with the Word

"Come on! Do it! Opportunities don't present themselves twice. It's your life and you don't know if you will have another chance, so enjoy it now!" said Laura, Gloria's best friend. The two met when they were little and had spent a lot of time together, but in the last few months, their lives had grown apart considerably.

Three months before, Gloria had attended a youth camp on an invitation by her cousin Violet, and at that camp she accepted Jesus as her Savior. God really performed a miracle in her life, and now she was trying to obey Him.

However, a few weeks ago she met Sergio, a guy she liked from school, and a friendship had started. But now it was a big problem. Sergio was inviting her to a party where alcohol, drugs, and many other immoral practices would be the "special guests." What should she do? She didn't feel good about accepting Sergio's invitation, but Laura's argument, "It's your life, do what you want with it..." sounded very convincing.



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Weekly Challenge

Read Acts chapters 15 to 21, and write what you learn in your journal. Don't forget to mark the corresponding box each time you read a chapter.

Book	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
Acts	15	16	17	18	19	20	21



Now write the names of at least two people that you know who you would like to also have the experience of new birth in Christ. Begin to pray daily for them. Look for ways to show them Christian love using some of the possessions God has given you to carefully manage.

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Memorize

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20



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Sadly, this is one of the traps that many young people have fallen into throughout history.

Throughout your Christian walk, you will find yourself asking questions along these lines: Do we really own our own lives? Are the talents that I have for certain activities really mine? How is it that the money we earn with so much effort at work isn't ours? What is mine and what is God's?

Answer the following questions with True or False:

- 1. God created everything and named humans to be rulers or administrators of His creation (Psalm 8:6-8). T F
- 2. To accept Jesus as our savior does not mean that God will be the owner of our lives (1 Corinthians 6:20). T F
- 3. Our relationship with God should include the proper administration of all that we are and all that we have so that God is glorified in everything (1 Peter 4:10-11). T F
- 4. God created the universe, but He has transferred the ownership to humans (Deuteronomy 10:14). T F
- 5. Christians give offerings in the church because they believe that part of their income can be used to serve God (1 Chronicles 29:14). T F
- 6. Only those who are good managers of what God has given them (time, money, talents, etc.) will enjoy the happiness of God (Matthew 25:21). T F
- 7. To accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior means that we promise to do all that He asks us, whether it be with our time, money, family, talents, etc. (Luke 6:46) T F
- 8. Only certain Christians can be considered stewards or administrators of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). T F



9. God owns everything, but it also tells us in His Word that we should especially dedicate a seventh of our time and a tenth of our income to Him (Malachi 3:8-10, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). T F

10. God is not against the economic well-being of Christians; what He asks is that we put His kingdom and justice first, and then He will give us what we need (Matthew 6:33). T F

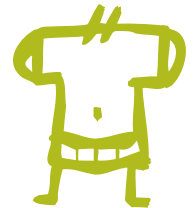
God is our owner on two accounts: because He created us and because he adopted us as His children. Upon receiving Jesus Christ as our Savior, we also accept Him as Lord. This means that we voluntarily give Him our lives: time, health, money, abilities, body, etc. (see Galatians 2:20).

It is important to recognize that if we are in God, we do not own our lives, we are only managers. God requires faithfulness from each of us in the use of what He has given (1 Corinthians 4:2).



Hands at Work

Make an inventory of all that God has given you, for example: sweater, shoes, health, the opportunity to study, a house, car, work, etc.



Inventory of what I have:

Food	_____	_____
10 shirts	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____