

**1. Definition of Christian stewardship**

- a) A daily visible expression of what it means to live for Jesus, managing tangible and intangible possessions for the glory of God.
- b) What are some of your tangible possessions?
- c) What are some of your intangible possessions?

**2. The temptation to love the things of this world**

- a) 1 John 2:15–17
  - i) Explain the phrase, “Love not the world.”
  - ii) Where does Satan attack people the most today—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life?
- b) 1 Timothy 6:10, according to Paul, the love of money the root of all evil? Why?
- c) Galatians 5:16, how does walking in the Spirit enable us to not fulfill the lust of the flesh?

**3. The materialism trap**

- a) Ecclesiastes 5:10
- b) Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13, mammon is an Aramaic word for “wealth.”
- c) Not a new problem, see Deuteronomy 8:10–14
- d) Why is an addiction to acquiring material possessions such a dangerous trap?

- e) Share some stories in the Bible of individuals who got caught in the materialism trap.
  - i) The rich young ruler, Luke 18:18–23
  - ii) Judas, John 12:1–4
- f) Is materialism a trap for the rich, the poor, or everyone?
- g) How can we, as followers of Jesus, avoid the materialism trap? Philippians 2:3
- h) How can we rightly enjoy the privilege of owning things without being owned by them?

**4. Trying to find our security in material possessions**

- a) Luke 12:15–21, what key lessons can we learn from this story that will help us to be good Christian stewards?
- b) Why is trusting in material possessions foolish? Matthew 6:19–21

**5. Trying to find our security in power or position**

- a) Daniel 4:30, the example of Nebuchadnezzar
- b) Romans 12:3, word of warning
- c) Why is trusting in our own power or position so foolish?

**6. Finding our security in Jesus alone**

- a) Give some examples of people who abandoned wealth, power, and position to follow Jesus. Philippians 3:7–9
- b) Share your journey of learning to trust in Jesus alone rather than in money, possessions, or power.

