

Sermon Notes

April 29, 2018 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

The Heart of Stewardship:

First Things First

- Some “_____” in life set the course for the good directions in life. Also some _____ in life set the course for _____ directions in life.
- The Macedonian church _____ to others out of their deep and abiding _____ with God.
- Stewards Follow the **Principle of _____**:
 1. Give yourself _____ to the _____.
 2. Give yourself _____ to the _____ of God.
- It is the _____ to something, and the _____ to do whatever it takes to see it done.
- When we do _____ give of ourselves it is often due to not having _____ given ourselves to the Lord.
- There is a _____ connection as a steward ____ God to our relationship _____ God.

Weekly Devotions

God speaks to us today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit,

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.”

This week, begin your quiet time with God by having your Bible and some paper/notebook in which to write some observations from God on. Use the following instructions for your time with God:

1. Ask God to first quiet your heart and mind so that you are available to God.
2. Ask God to speak to your heart as you read the scripture for the day.
 - a. Write down the most meaningful part of the scripture you read today.
 - b. In one or two sentences, write down the impression you received as your read this particular part of the scripture.
 - c. Finally write down what you feel God wants you to learn or do as a result of what impressed you.

Scriptures to Read:

- **MONDAY – 2 Chronicles 29:1-11**
- **TUESDAY – 2 Chronicles 29:27-31,25b-26**
- **WEDNESDAY – 2 Corinthian 9:6-11**
- **THURSDAY – 2 Corinthian 9:12-14**
- **FRIDAY – 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**
- **SATURDAY – Matthew 13:44-52**