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## Stewardship Principles

This is the year that we are going to:

- take new ground (in our finances)
- make new progress (in our finances)
- enlarge (in our finances)
- experience a new level of abundance (in our finances).

### **Joel Osteen**

I want this church to be the healthiest and wealthiest and the strongest congregation in the world. I want all of you from the top to the bottom to get to the first of every month and have all your bills paid and plenty of money left over. Not so you can say, 'Well, look at me. Now I'm rich. I'm better than you'. No! So you can invest to spread the Gospel all around the world.

### **John Osteen 1994**

I want us to do more to evangelize the world than any other local church could even think about doing. We have great plans. We're not fading, we're crusading. We're not looking for a rocking chair to sit in, like Caleb, we're looking for the next mountain to take. We want to be able to hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

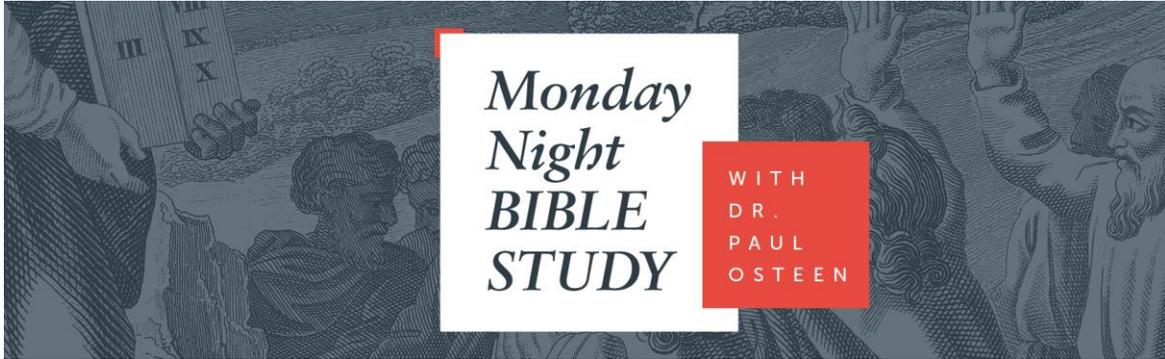
### **John Osteen 1994**

1. Everything belongs to God. I Corinthians 4:7

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your entire life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

### **C.S. Lewis**

2. God wants us to wisely 'steward' (manage) what He has entrusted to us.
  - Stewardship - The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.



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Stewardship is managing all God has given us, His way, for His glory.

**Dave Ramsey**

- 3. When we wisely manage what God has given us, He will give us more to manage (wisely).  
Matthew 25:14-30

HOW TO BEGIN TO MANAGE OUR FINANCES WISELY:

- 1. Start managing wisely right where you are. Luke 16:10-11
- 2. If you are married, let me STRONGLY encourage you to do everything you can do to come into agreement in regards to your finances and financial goals. Deuteronomy 32:30, Matthew 13:19, Psalm 133:1,3
- 3. Show God that He is first in your finances by giving Him the first 10% of what He entrusts to you.
- 4. Be your best at work.
- 5. Don't spend more than you earn.
- 6. Avoid credit card debt at all costs.
- 7. Be willing to be 'uncomfortable' in the short-term in order to experience freedom in the long-term.

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