

Life on loan

Managing God's Money, Luke 19:11-27
January 13, 16-17, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Galatians 2:20

When you become a Christ follower an exchange is made: He gives His eternal life to you, and you give your life to Him!

When you become a follower of Jesus, you start living a life that is "on loan" to you from the Lord.

I. **Be Realistic about Ownership.**

The Master, who represents Jesus in this story, distributes His resources to His servants to use for His purposes.

When you are the manager of someone else's stuff you're not an owner, you're a steward, an accountable manager.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 24:1

Three principles about my stewardship:

- Everything belongs to God.
- Everything comes from God.
- Everything is distributed by God.

Just because something is in your possession, doesn't mean it is your possession.

II. **Be Pro-active with Your Stewardship.**

- Stewardships are given for a purpose.
- Stewardships are given with an expectation.

III. **Be Aware of Stewardship Opportunities.**

Four learning levels of giving:

- Starter Level Giving.
- Crisis Driven Giving.
- Systematic, Obedient Giving.
- Spirit Directed Giving.

Biblical stewardship is not about giving God anything. It's about returning to Him what He has entrusted to me and then experiencing His blessing. *Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38*

You will never come out second by putting Jesus first!

- If you give the standard gift...you get the standard blessing.
- If you give generously...you'll be rewarded generously!

Giving generously is a spiritual discipline that practically affects your world.

There are present and eternal rewards for those who live a life on loan from God.

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Spiritual Growth Classes

6:15 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 20 - March 16

Lighthouse Building across the street

These classes will help you connect more deeply with Christ and lead others to do the same. They focus on strengthening your relationship with God, creating healthier relationships with others, and discovering your gifts and how to use them to serve Jesus. Child care is available through regular church programming.

REAL Women Life Groups / Bible Studies Kick Off

The start of a new year is a great time to join a Bible study group. This month we are launching a variety of new women's Bible study groups. Pick up a brochure from The Source bookstore or the Welcome Desk, or visit SavannahChristian.com for a list.

Will and Trust Seminar

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

Adult Ministry Center across the street

This two-hour seminar taught by the Financial Planning Ministry will provide information on stewardship and estate planning, including details on the creation of wills and living trusts. Schedule an optional follow-up meeting and walk away with a free will and trust. Childcare is not available. Registration is not required.

2015 Giving Statements

A link to your 2015 giving statement for tax purposes will be emailed to you by Monday, Jan. 18. Statements will also be available at SavannahChristian.com. Log in and click on My Contribution Statement. If you haven't yet created an account, you will need to do so before you can view your statement.

2015 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through December

Average Weekly Attendance: 7,822

General Giving: \$15,101,615

Faith Promise (Global Outreach): \$1,299,597

The ONE Campaign Pledged: \$11,467,814

The ONE Campaign Received: \$9,642,361 (84%)

Online, Mobile and Kiosk Giving: 42% of Total Giving

YTD Transfers and Baptisms: 815