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A CLOSER LOOK AT CHRISTIAN GIVING

- 1. God Is The Giver Of Everything** (Jas 1:17) “Every _____ gift and every _____ gift is from _____, and cometh down from the _____ of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither _____ of turning.” In the OT we find, “for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.” Scripture? _____ Who is the *thee* in this verse? _____
- 2. God’s People Are Stewards** A *steward* is a manager. When man reaches accountability he becomes responsible as a steward. In this he has no choice. But man does have a choice of whether he will be a *good* or *bad* manager. In the beginning God (plural word) said (Gen 1:26): “Let _____ make man in _____ image, after our likeness: and let them have _____ over the fish of the _____, and over the fowl of the _____, and over the cattle, and over all _____, and over every creeping thing that creepeth _____.” Man has dominion over the material creation. God gave him dominion. This is stewardship.
- 3. Jesus Illustrates Bad Stewardship** (Lk 16:1ff) Jesus “said also unto his _____, There was a certain _____, which had a _____; and the same was accused unto him that he had _____ his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? _____; for thou mayest be no longer steward.” This story has a good ending. What do you think the *bad* steward would have done if he hadn’t been called on the carpet? _____
- 4. Jesus Told Of Good Stewardship** Jesus spoke to a huge multitude (Lk 12) and reminded them of God’s omniscience and providential loving kindness. One man wanted Jesus to instruct his brother to divide his inheritance with him (V13). Jesus answered, “Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?” Verse? ____ He then told a parable (V16ff) about the rich man who wanted bigger and better barns. Jesus rebuked him because he was not (V21) _____ God. In (V36) he tells of servants waiting for their lord’s return home. Jesus said the faithful servant (ie: steward) (V37) “_____ are those _____, whom the lord _____ shall find _____.” God owns everything; man just uses it for a while. (1 Cor 10:26)
- 5. The Christian’s Primary Interest Must Be On Spiritual Things** (Col 3:1-2) “If ye then be _____ with Christ, _____ those things which _____, where Christ sitteth on _____ of God. Set your _____ on things _____, not on things on the _____.” What is meant by “risen with Christ” (Rom 6:3-4)? _____ One is to (V1) _____ “those things which are above.” A child of God must (V2) not _____ his affections on “things on the earth.” We must give of ourselves.
- 6. Physical Things Have Some Value – Spiritual Things Are Far More Important** (1 Tim 4:8) “For _____ exercise profiteth _____: but godliness is _____ unto all things.”

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