

## 1: What is Stewardship? (Stewardship Ministry)

*At [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com), our goal is to apply Ron Blue's lifetime of trusted, biblical financial counsel to your specific financial questions. You will find answers to questions as well as perspective for decision-making as you browse the site and enjoy the videos that are available.*

Ron Blue, who wrote *Master Your Money*, defines stewardship as the "use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals. These resources would be anything and everything He has given us. This would be our salvation, the gospel message, our churches, our education, our time, our energy, our thought life, the words we speak, the house in which we live, the cars we drive, our children, our spouse, our finances, our job. It all belongs to Him and He has entrusted it to us for a specific purpose. What is that purpose? Jesus tells us in Matthew 6: In other words, the purpose for which God has entrusted to us, that which He owns, is so that we can be busy about advancing His kingdom. This obviously includes missions and evangelism, but it also includes benevolence, for Jesus is clear in Matthew 25 that when we help those who have nothing, it is as if we are helping Him. It includes how we spend our time. Americans are obsessed with things that in the eternal scope of things are a waste of time. Stewardship includes our thought life, that is, instead of much of the mindless entertainment with which our culture tells us we must amuse ourselves, we were to think upon and focus upon the things of God, how much more like Jesus would the Church in America be? You see, stewardship is comprehensive. It is being entrusted by God with His resources to accomplish His desires, or will. Jesus makes this point very clear in Luke You remember the story, "Then He told them a parable: Take it easy; eat, drink and enjoy yourself. This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared - whose will they be? This means that you are a trustee or a steward of that which belongs to someone else; He has left it in your care, but He has retained ownership. I mean, if you have been bought with a price, namely His blood, and you belong to Him, then it stands to reason that everything you have belongs to Him as well. Now mind you, this idea that God owns all things stands in stark opposition to the secular thought of our day which tells us that we are self sufficient, self-made men and women who have pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps. But we must ever be mindful of the truth that Christians walk by faith, not by sight. We live, not by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds forth from the mouth of God. He owns it and has entrusted it to our care. God will hold us accountable When Jesus taught about stewardship in Matthew 25, in the parable of the talents, He placed this parable right in the middle of His teaching about the second coming. The point He was making was that when He comes back He is going to hold us accountable for that which He has entrusted to our care. He will call us to account to see if we have been faithful or faithless stewards. Listen to the words of Jesus. That slave whose master finds him working when he comes will be rewarded. I tell you the truth: He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. But the one who did not know and did things deserving blows will be beaten lightly. Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even more will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with more. So, God owns it all, and He will hold us accountable for how we use it. Let me give you the third practical implication of stewardship. This is the diagnostic element of stewardship. Jesus tells us that how we use that which is temporal will reveal the true nature of that which is eternal, namely our hearts. How we use His resources reveals our hearts In Matthew chapter 6: He starts by telling us that you cannot serve God and riches. You cannot spend your life in love with God and in pursuit of material things, merely for the sake of gaining material possessions. While there are those who will tell you otherwise, Jesus says it simply is not so. He tells us that we should not spend our lives pursuing material things, like those who have no Father in heaven, but instead, because we have a Father who knows what we need, and who will care for us, we should, instead, spend our lives in pursuit of the spiritual things, eternal things, we should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these other things will come our way as we need them. He says in verse 21 that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also. In other words, whatever is of greatest value to us, whatever captivates us so that we spend our lives pursuing it will have the affection and devotion of our entire being. It is here that how we view and use financial resources demonstrates the true nature of our hearts. This

is where stewardship crosses over into the realm of discipleship. If you are truly a disciple of Jesus Christ, a follower of His who has taken up your cross and are following Him, than that will be evidenced in that a you acknowledge that it is all His, b you live in light of the reality that he will hold you accountable and expects you to use it to accomplish His desires, and c you will demonstrate your devotion to Christ by the way you use that which He has entrusted to your care. Simply put, stewardship is a measure of true discipleship at its most tangible and visible level. Living with a biblical view of stewardship, by itself will not make you a good Christian, but if you are a good Christian you cannot help but live with a biblical view a stewardship that translates into how you spend your time, talents and treasure. The person who is not a good steward cannot call themselves a good disciple or a good Christian. Jesus Himself makes this clear. Many Christians have never come to realize that God owns it all. You cannot give your life to Jesus and keep any part of it back for yourself. Surrendering your life to Jesus, taking up your cross and following Him means giving it all, time, talents, treasures, everything. One where He gave His all for us and we give our all for Him. Stewardship requires faith Look around you and you will see people who do not know God who are prospering. The Psalmist said this in Psalm For I envied the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. Practical suggestions for being a good steward A. Analyze how you use your time, talents, and treasures The best place to start is by taking an honest look at your life. Do you really believe God owns everything you have? Is that belief authenticated by your actions? What is the priority of your life, making money for yourself or expanding the kingdom of God? How have you demonstrated that priority? Is it evident to those around you? Can others, by watching how you spend your time, your abilities and your money, clearly see that your one overwhelming desire in life is to expand the kingdom of God? If not, what would they say your primary desire is? Paul tells the Christians in Corinth 2 Corinthians The place to start is by an examination of how you spend the substance of your life. If you are honest with yourself, it will tell you everything you need to know. Get your priorities straight Jesus is very clear and plain. He says that we are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God? It means that in everything you do, whether it is in making money on your job, or in the time you spend with your family and the way you rear your children, your chief desire is to further the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. I have a friend who is a very wealthy man. But he is a pauper in comparison with his brother. Several years ago his brother had open heart surgery and my friend took the opportunity to talk to him about the Lord. The brother told my friend that he had spent his entire life chasing the dollar. When my friend told me that I thought about many other people I know who have spent their life chasing the dollar. And the words of Jesus came to me, "what will it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul. This morning my thoughts to go another man, a Christian man I know, who has spent his life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. He is involved at his church where he faithfully teaches and serves. He is involved in a para-church organization which distributes bibles around the world and he is a very successful business man. Every time I talk to him about his business, and about the possibilities which the future holds for his business, he is faithful to tell me that his purpose in making money is to further the kingdom of God. And I know it to be true because I have seen some of the eternal things He has invested his time, treasure and talents in. What a difference, one man is laying up treasure here on earth, and another is laying it up in heaven. It is time to take action on what you know to be true. Is it in the area of your time? How much of your time are you really spending pursuing the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Is it in the area of your finances? Are you giving faithfully back to God? Are you giving proportionately to what He has given you? When you stand before Him someday, what will He say?

## 2: Master Your Money by Ron Blue

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Ron Blue with Michael Blue Publisher: Non-Fiction A step-by-step guide to financial freedom Do you know if you have enough? Do you know how much is enough? Learn the tools and techniques you need to move forward toward true financial freedom. This new edition includes important updates and new content, making it timely and relevant. Because this not only give you tips on managing your finances, it provides a reason and understanding in a Biblical context. With that said, I believe kids should be taught about finances from an early age. Ron Blue shares personal stories, while giving readers insights on attaining financial freedom in the current and eternal sense. And like a conversation with an old friend, some hard truths will reveal itself. But no worries there, as Ron provided practical solutions and informative charts and organizational methods to help you through. I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher, Moody Publishers for an honest review. All opinions expressed are my own. While with Leadership Dynamics, he was involved in developing and teaching biblically-based leadership and management seminars in the United States and Africa. Since , Ron has held a passion to help Christians plan and manage their finances in order to maximize their giving to Kingdom purposes. God has allowed him to work this out in several ways. Howard Hendricks influenced him to begin what later became a financial planning firm. In , Indiana Wesleyan University established The Ron Blue Institute, which is dedicated to multiplying the over 40 years of professional experience and intellectual property of Ron through curriculum development and other products in multiple outlets worldwide. Ron and Judy, his wife of 50 years, live in Atlanta, Georgia. They have five children and thirteen grandchildren. Prior to his role with the Ron Blue Institute Michael practiced for ten years as an attorney focusing on business and securities law, real estate acquisition, development and leasing, and estate planning. Michael earned his law degree from Baylor University, where he graduated summa cum laude and served as the Managing Executive Editor of the Baylor Law Review. He has a B.

## 3: Ron Blue (Author of The New Master Your Money)

*The New Master Your Money Workbook, Blue and White () Moody Your Money after the big Wealth For the Second Half of Life, Blue, Burkett, and White () Your Kids Can Master Their Money: Fun Ways to Help Them Learn How, Blue and White () Focus on the Family.*

This financial primer covers a wide range of basics from a Christian perspective, and includes Bible references. It emphasizes stewardship, trusting God, and that spiritual wellbeing is more important than material wellbeing. There are other books that I think do a better job dealing with the biblical perspective on money The Word On Finances by Larry Burkett and others that do a better job giving practical financial advice, but thi A blend of biblical principles and practical financial advice. There are other books that I think do a better job dealing with the biblical perspective on money The Word On Finances by Larry Burkett and others that do a better job giving practical financial advice, but this book is valuable in that it interweaves both. God owns it all Matt God has right to take whatever He wants, whenever He wants it. This frees you to give freely to His purposes and people. God uses money and material possessions as tool, test, testimony. God uses money as tool to help us grow. We should ask, "God, what do you want me to learn? Biblical principle is that God owns it all, and we should hold it with an open hand Matt Criteria for undertaking debt Is after-tax rate of return greater than after-tax cost? Is there guaranteed way to repay debt? Are both spouses in perfect unity? Do you have spiritual peace of mind about this debt? Tax Planning Push income into future year, and pull expenses into current year. This delays payment of taxes. Investment Planning Avoid high-leverage situations Prov Tithe on investment gains when you sell. We are to give firstfruits of increase to God Prov 3: Stewardship After Death 1 Tim 5: Insurance is one tool for doing that. Buying term insurance and investing the difference is based on short-term perspective. If need is strictly short-term, and will never be longer, use term insurance. May need insurance in 60s and 70s to pay estate taxes or funeral expenses. Flexibility; having cornerstone of permanent insurance in 60s and beyond. Use quality insurance companies for sake of converability, not insurability. Bible emphasizes wise planning, providing for family, and trusting God. According to Ecc 7: Value of IRAs, k s and life insurance will pass directly to named beneficiaries regardless of your will. Ensure beneficiaries are correct. Giving Living Prov 3: Giving to local church should be best place to give to meet needs of saints and for evangelism. You can also give to other organizations that support these missions. Give in 3 levels: Doing so is effectively saying God is incapable of using His money today for a greater eternal impact than you can earn by investing.

## 4: Mastering Your Money by Ron Blue with Michael Blue - Just Commonly

*I love Ron Blue's summary of the proper attitude toward money in his book 'Master Your Money': "Study to learn the basics, for example, a budget. Despite the modern aids such as sophisticated computer software to track money, an alarming number of people don't know how to balance a checkbook.*

## 5: Welcome to [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) - Biblical Principles for Everyday Financial Decisions for

*The first time I saw the cover of Master Your Money (in Nairobi, Kenya, at my fiancee's place of work), my heart went cold. Financial management was a topic that scared me. I skimmed through the book and, for some reason, I started reading the first chapter.*

## 6: Master Your Money with Ron Blue

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