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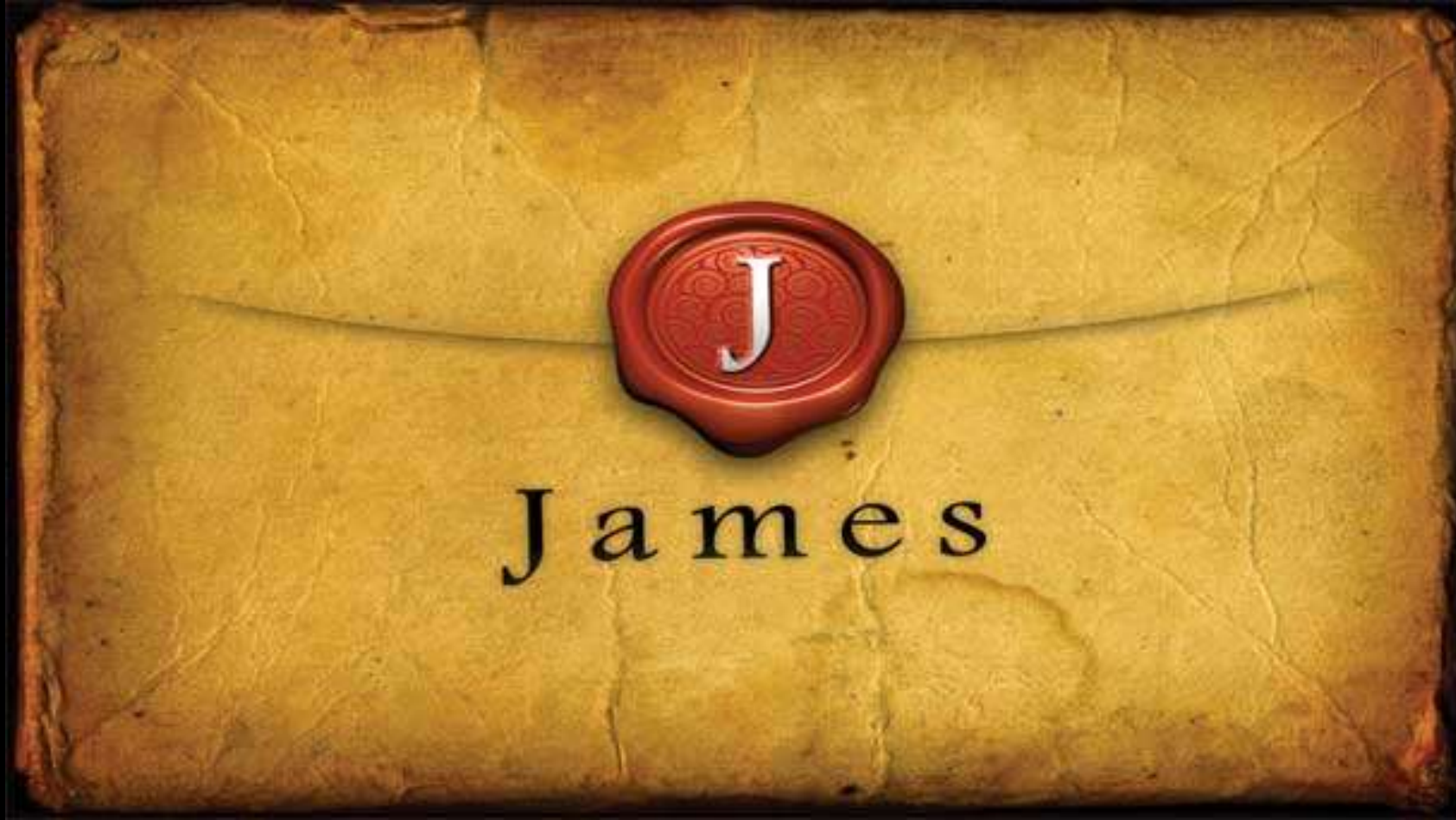


**EVERYWHERE**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 18**



Fall Series:



*The practice of practical faith*



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→ How do I get up there?

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→ Not down there!

→ How do I get up there?

→ Here \$ = Stress  
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→ Not down there!

The Good News:

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This short life is not about how much you own, or how little you own, but being a **good steward** with what God owns.

# James on Stewardship

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*How your short time on earth  
can matter much in eternity.*

# Stewardship:

The responsibility of supervising or taking care of something that belongs to another for the sake of fulfilling a purpose.



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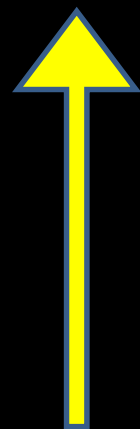
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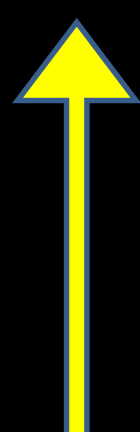
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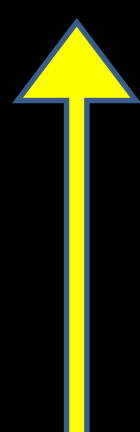
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The Need:

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How a Christian uses and views their “Stuff” accurately reflects the inner transformation that God has done by the Spirit.

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Ungodly Poor

Godly Rich

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3. Suffering can deceive one to believe God can't be trusted.

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Two Stewardship Questions:



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What steps can I take?

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God is the **creator** of all things,  
and he is the **owner** of all things.

*“The earth **is** the LORD’s, **and everything**  
in it, the world, and all who live in it;  
for **he founded** it on the seas and  
established it on the waters.”*

*Ps.24:1*

“For **every** animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know **every** bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, **for the world is mine**, and all that is in it.”

Ps. 50: 10-12

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

C.S.Lewis

What does it mean?

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God the owner created mankind  
**to steward** his creation for the  
fulfillment of God's purposes.



*The LORD God took the man and  
put him in the Garden of Eden  
to work it and take care of it.*

*Gen: 2:15*

*Again, the kingdom will be like  
a man going on a journey, who  
called his **servants** and  
**entrusted** his wealth to them.*

*Matt. 25:14*

*“they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his  
temple; and he who sits on the  
throne will shelter them with his  
presence.”*

Rev. 7:15

Although God gives us “all things richly to enjoy,” nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we’re responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

*Hugh Whelchel*

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As Stewards we will have **to give an account** for all that God has entrusted to us.

“So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’”

Luke 19:13

Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’”

Luke 19: 17



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Stewards act differently than owners because they think differently— like stewards not owners.

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Firmly believe that **the most joy** in this life and the next is found in being a steward, not an owner.



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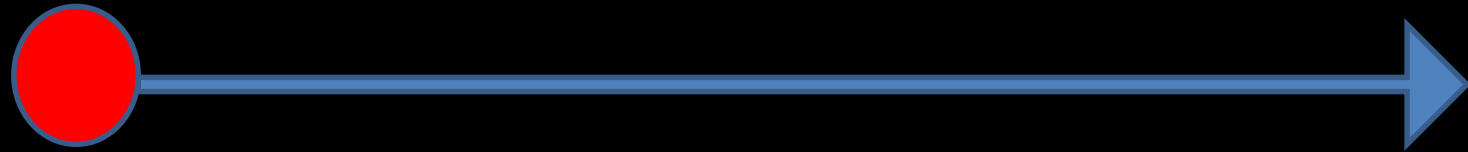
Firmly believe that **your value and security** as a person comes through the cross of Christ, not your stuff.



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Ask the Question: **What has God entrusted** to me, and how can I invest those to the fulfillment of his purposes?

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Imagine

*“His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’”*

Matthew 25:23

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