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Tuesday Night Teachings
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Biblical Stewardship
Grateful Hearts
Exploring biblical Gratitude,
thanksgiving, contentment and
God's faithfulness

TNT Biblical Stewardship Series

Mount Zion Baptist Church

Tuesday Night Teaching (TNT) November 2026

November 3, 2026

Stewardship of the Environment

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15; Psalm 8

Key Truth

God entrusted humanity with the responsibility to care for and preserve creation as faithful stewards of His handiwork.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand that creation belongs to God and humans are stewards, not owners.
2. Recognize the biblical mandate to care for the earth and its resources.
3. Identify practical ways to be responsible caretakers of God's creation.
4. Connect environmental stewardship to Christian discipleship and worship.

Discussion

1. What does Genesis 2:15 teach us about humanity's responsibility toward creation?
2. How does Psalm 8 reveal God's trust in humanity as caretakers of the earth?
3. What are some examples of poor stewardship creation in our communities?
4. How can believers balance using natural resources while preserving them for future generations?
5. Why is caring for creation an act of honoring God?

Application

- Practice reducing waste through recycling and conservation.

- Be mindful of energy and water use at home.
- Participate in church or community clean-up efforts.
- Spend time appreciating God's creation through prayer and reflection.
- Teach younger generations about the importance of environmental stewardship.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the beauty and wonder of Your creation. Forgive us when we fail to care for the earth You have entrusted to us. Help us to be faithful stewards who honor You through responsible living and wise use of resources. May our actions reflect our gratitude for Your gifts and our commitment to preserving creation for future generations. In Jesus' name, Amen.

November 10, 2026

Stewardship of Relationships and Community

Scriptures: Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:1-4

Key Truth

God calls believers to nurture healthy relationships, bear one another's burdens, and serve others with humility and love.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand relationships as a gift and responsibility from God.
2. Identify biblical principles for healthy relationships.
3. Learn the importance of serving and supporting others.
4. Commit to strengthening relationships within family, church, and community.

Discussion

1. What does "bear one another's burdens" mean?

2. How does humility strengthen relationships?
3. What challenges make it difficult to maintain healthy relationships?
4. How can the church model a supportive and loving community?
5. What role does forgiveness play in stewardship relationships?

Application

- Reach out to someone who may need encouragement.
- Resolve an unresolved conflict through prayer and conversation.
- Volunteer to assist with a ministry or community project.
- Practice active listening and empathy in daily interactions.
- Commit to praying regularly for family, church members, and community leaders.

Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for the relationships You have placed in our lives. Teach us to love as Christ loves, to serve with humility, and to support one another through life's challenges. Help us to build communities that reflect Your compassion, grace, and unity. Strengthen our witness through healthy and godly relationships. In Jesus' name, Amen.

November 17, 2026

Financial Stewardship: Biblical Principles of Money Management

Scriptures: Proverbs 3:9-10; Luke 16:10-13

Key Truth

Faithful stewardship of finances requires honoring God first, managing resources wisely, and demonstrating integrity in all financial matters.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand that all financial resources ultimately belong to God.
2. Learn biblical principles for managing money wisely.

3. Recognize the connection between faithfulness and financial stewardship.
4. Develop practical strategies for honoring God with finances.

Discussion

1. What does it mean to honor God with our wealth?
2. Why is faithfulness in small matters important to God?
3. How can money become a spiritual challenge or distraction?
4. What are some biblical principles for budgeting and saving?
5. How can generosity reflect trust in God's provision?

Application

- Create or review a personal or family budget.
- Evaluate spending habits considering biblical values.
- Establish savings goals and reduce unnecessary spending.
- Commit to consistent giving through tithes and offerings.
- Seek accountability and wisdom in financial decisions.

Prayer

Lord, you are the source of every good gift. Help us manage our finances with wisdom, integrity, and generosity. Teach us to honor You with our resources and to remain faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us. May our financial choices reflect trust in Your provision and commitment to Your kingdom's work. In Jesus' name, Amen.

November 24, 2026

Debt, Contentment, and Financial Freedom

Scriptures: *Proverbs 22:7; Philippians 4:11-13*

Key Truth

God desires His people to live with contentment, exercise wise financial discipline, and seek freedom from the burdens of unnecessary debt through dependence on Him.

Objectives

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

1. Understand biblical teachings regarding debt and financial obligations.
2. Recognize the importance of contentment and gratitude.
3. Learn practical steps toward financial freedom.
4. Develop a biblical perspective on wealth, possessions, and trust in God.

Discussion

1. How does debt affect individuals, families, and spiritual well-being?
2. What did Paul mean when he said he had learned to be content?
3. How can believers distinguish between needs and wants?
4. What practical steps can lead to financial freedom?
5. How does trusting God help overcome anxiety about finances?

Application

- Assess current debts and create a repayment strategy.
- Practice contentment by expressing gratitude daily.
- Limit impulse purchases and unnecessary expenditures.
- Seek financial counseling or education when needed.
- Trust God through prayer while taking responsible financial actions.

Prayer

Faithful God, thank You for providing for our needs. Help us live with contentment and wisdom. Free us from attitudes and habits that lead to financial bondage. Give us discipline in managing resources and courage to trust You in every season. May we experience the freedom that comes from faithful stewardship and reliance upon Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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SESSION 1: STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT

November 3, 2026

Scriptures: *Genesis 2:15; Psalm 8*

Key Truth

God entrusted humanity with the responsibility to care for and preserve creation as faithful stewards of His handiwork.

What Does the Bible Teach?

Stewardship begins with recognizing that the earth belongs to God. From the Garden of Eden to the present day, God has called His people to care for the resources He has provided. Christians honor God when they protect, maintain, and wisely use His creation.

Key Takeaways

- God is the Creator; we are caretakers.
- Stewardship involves responsibility and accountability.
- Caring for creation reflects gratitude to God.
- Environmental stewardship is a form of worship.

Reflection Questions

1. What does Genesis 2:15 teach us about our role in creation?
2. How do you personally care for God's creation?
3. In what ways can Christians be examples of environmental responsibility?
4. What habits could you change to become a better steward of the environment?
5. How does caring for creation strengthen your relationship with God?

Personal Reflection

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Memory Verse

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1a)

SESSION 2: STEWARDSHIP OF RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

November 10, 2026

Scriptures: *Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:1-4*

Key Truth

God calls believers to nurture healthy relationships, bear one another's burdens, and serve others with humility and love.

What Does the Bible Teach?

Healthy relationships require intentional stewardship. God calls us to show compassion, humility, forgiveness, and service. Strong Christian communities are built when believers care for one another and place the needs of others above personal interests.

Key Takeaways

- Relationships are a gift from God.
- Humility strengthens the community.
- Christians are called to support one another.
- Forgiveness promotes healing and unity.

Reflection Questions

1. Who has carried a burden for you during a difficult season?
2. How can you demonstrate humility in your relationships?
3. Is there someone you need to forgive or reconcile with?
4. What gifts has God given you to serve your church and community?
5. How does your faith influence the way you treat others?

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Personal Reflection

This week I will strengthen a relationship by:

Memory Verse

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

SESSION 3: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Principles of Money Management

November 17, 2026

Scriptures: *Proverbs 3:9-10; Luke 16:10-13*

Key Truth

Faithful stewardship of finances requires honoring God first, managing resources wisely, and demonstrating integrity in all financial matters.

What Does the Bible Teach?

Everything we possess belongs to God. Biblical financial stewardship involves honoring God through giving, budgeting, saving, wise spending, and responsible management of resources. Faithfulness in finances reflects our trust in God's provision.

Key Takeaways

- God owns everything.
- Stewardship requires planning and discipline.
- Faithfulness in small matters leads to greater trust.
- Generosity demonstrates faith and gratitude.

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to honor God with your finances?

2. How do your spending habits reflect your values?
3. What financial habits help you remain faithful to God?
4. What challenges prevent people from practicing biblical stewardship?
5. How can generosity become a regular spiritual discipline?

Personal Reflection

One financial goal I will work on this month is:

Memory Verse

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase." (Proverbs 3:9)

SESSION 4: DEBT, CONTENTMENT, AND FINANCIAL FREEDOM

November 24, 2026

Scriptures: *Proverbs 22:7; Philippians 4:11-13*

Key Truth

God desires His people to live with contentment, exercise wise financial discipline, and seek freedom from the burdens of unnecessary debt through dependence on Him.

What Does the Bible Teach?

God calls believers to live with gratitude and contentment. Financial freedom begins with wise decisions, disciplined spending, and trusting God to provide for our needs. Contentment protects us from comparison, greed, and unhealthy dependence on possessions.

Key Takeaways

- Contentment is learned.
- Debt can create unnecessary burdens.
- Financial freedom requires discipline.
- God's provision is sufficient in every season.

Reflection Questions

1. What does biblical contentment look like in today's culture?
2. What is the difference between needs and wants?
3. How can debt affect spiritual, emotional, and financial well-being?
4. What practical steps lead to financial freedom?
5. How does trust in God help reduce financial anxiety?

Personal Reflection

One area where I need greater contentment is:

This month I will take the following step toward financial freedom:

Memory Verse

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Philippians 4:11)

End-of-Series Reflection

As a result of this stewardship series:

1. What new biblical truth impacted you most?
2. Which stewardship lesson challenged you the most?
3. What specific action will you continue beyond this study?
4. How has your understanding of stewardship changed?
5. In what area are you asking God to help you become a more faithful steward?

Commitment Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with Your creation, relationships, finances, and opportunities. Help us to be faithful stewards in every area of life. Teach us to honor You with our resources, serve others with humility, and trust You in all things. May our lives reflect Your wisdom, generosity, and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.