



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

## Day Twenty-One

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### ***Windows > Doors***

***You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11-12***

Over the past couple of days, we have seen why we should make financial stewardship a priority and have even seen some of the personal blessings of this stewardship. However, I think it is only necessary we wrap up this devotional with the overarching purpose of stewardship as seen in the verses above. The heartbeat of stewardship is the good of others and the glory of God.

This is exactly what Paul echoes in verse 12 when he tells us our giving and stewardship lead to the supplying of the Saints' needs and thanksgivings to God. At the end of the day stewardship is simply a means to those ends. In a sense stewardship works as sort of a window.

I remember as a kid hearing people say the phrase, "you make a better door than a window". This was usually said in response to someone who was standing in your way and blocking your view. Although this was a pretty immature and silly statement, looking back (and only made me cry a couple times) it made sense. If I am standing in front of you at an Atlanta Falcons game and you are trying to see the game through me, you are going to realize quickly I do not make a good window. Stewardship is similar, but the reverse of this cutting and elementary statement.

Stewardship always makes a better window than a door. We do not steward just because "we should" or because God tells us to (although He clearly does). We steward our finances, our talents, and our time in hopes of allowing people

to see through us, for their good and God's glory. So with all of this in mind let us steward our lives well, be the best windows we can possibly be, and see God's Kingdom multiply as a result.

## Questions To Consider

How does seeing stewardship as a way to impact others and the glory of God change your view of it?

What are you going to start doing differently as a result of this devotional?

## Prayer Focus

*Lord, thank You that my stewardship is not a dead end. Thank You that You would use me as a window for people to see Your glory and goodness through. Give me wisdom and grace as I move forward and begin to steward my life with You at the center. Use me to multiply Your kingdom. Amen.*

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