

Teen Topics Stewardship

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What does the Bible say?

Note what these verses teach about our possessions:

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Note what God says about being a steward of His things:

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Read the following verses to see some of the specific areas in which we are told to practice stewardship: I Pet. 4:10-11; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 9:6-7; and Eph. 5:15-16.

What should I do?

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