

Stewardship

Here are some key points about stewardship that we can learn from God's Word. You can casually discuss these points with your children, or go over them for family worship. Make sure to let the kids look up some of the passages. You may even want to read the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-28.

Everything I Have Belongs to God

"The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1)

"The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all it contains, You have founded them." (Psalm 89:11)

My Ability to Obtain Wealth Comes from God

"But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." (Deuteronomy 8:18)



God's blessings should not be the motive, but God does promise to bless the faithful

"'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'" (Malachi 3:10)

My giving should be joyful, in response to God's love for me

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7, see whole chapter)

God calls me to tithe on everything "the land" produces

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the tree, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (Leviticus 27:30)

Breakdown

Here is a suggested breakdown of where your children might want to put their money:

10% Tithe

2.5-5% Offering

10-20% Savings

77.5-65% Spending