

## **Psalm 24:1-2 (October 8, 2023)** **“Stewardship”**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### **READ Psalm 24:1-2**

1. Name the truth evident in Psalm 24:1-2, 89:11. What responsibilities concerning this truth is found in Genesis 1:28-30? How can believers fulfill these responsibilities?

2. “God is the author of all things, the Creator of all things, and the owner of all things. Whatever God makes, He owns. What we own, we own as stewards who have been given gifts from God Himself. God has the ultimate ownership of all our ‘possessions’. He has loaned these things to us and expects us to manage them in a way that will honor and glorify Him.” (R.C. Sproul “Stewardship, Tithing, and Giving”)

Discuss Sproul’s quote and your level of awareness that all your possessions and gifts are loaned to you by God. Name some of the “possessions” God loans to believers. What has He loaned to you?

3. From Psalm 90:12; John 9:4 and Galatians 6:10 what is indicated about the amount of time available to us? Why is being a diligent steward of time important (Ephesians 5:15-16; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; Colossians 4:5; Hebrews 5:12)?

4. “The benefits we receive [today] as Christians far exceeds the benefits that the people of the old covenant enjoyed. But it also follows that the responsibilities of New Testament people exceed the responsibilities of the Old Testament people. We’re in a better situation. I would say that the tithe is not some high ultimate standard for the super-Christian, but it’s the rock bottom. It’s the starting point for a person who is in Christ and who understands something of the benefits he receives from God.” (R.C. Sproul p. 344 Now, That’s A Good Question!)

What are your thoughts concerning the issue of tithing today compared to Old Testament times?

5. Identify reasons why individuals are sometimes hesitant to give monetarily to the Lord. How might the following verses impact your giving?

Malachi 3:8-10:

Luke 6:38:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11:

Philippians 4:19:

6. What do you find most challenging regarding the issue of stewardship (responsibilities, talents, abilities, time, and money)? Share ideas of how to best meet that challenge.