

The Breadth and Depth of Stewardship

the definition of “breadth” is ...

- The measure of dimension from side to side; width
- Wide range or scope as in “breadth of knowledge”
- Tolerance or broadmindedness as in “one with great breadth and wisdom.”

Breadth: When we were born we drew our first real **breath**. For some of us it was automatic. Others it took our first introduction in to the world, a quick spat on the behind.

- How do we measure up in Gods example of Breadth?
- What must we do to increase Gods Kingdom as good and faithful Stewards?
- Why is it important to change or re-think our understanding of Stewardship?

The first real life lesson we learn is that ‘I am not the only one in my world or the most important thing in my world.’ Mothers first teach their children that life teaches us to be patient and waiting... for the next bottle, time to be held or diaper change. Nothing seems to be quick enough to quench the fleshly demands or desire. So *waiting is the first lesson we learn.*

- Why is it important our beginning stages of life?
- How shapes our understanding of the magnitude of being good stewards?
- When and where should we use this knowledge?

Sharing is the next biggest lesson a child learns. To share our parents, toys and other possessions takes a lot of faith in ones ability to believe. Sharing is learned behavior. Psalms 145,

Galatians 6:1-10

- How often do you pass up an opportunity to share the Stewardship message?
- Why is it so hard to share the good new (the word) with the out side world?
- When is it important to share the Stewardship message?

Faith is the most important lesson we acquire in life. We have faith in our parents to care for us, and *Faith* in ourselves to take the first step in life, to trust in the love given to us. Yes! To believe in love, stability and life itself requires us to have faith, but faith in what? Is it in ourselves, our abilities and our up bringing? I believe it is all of these things. ‘I do and say what I have seen and heard during my lifetime.’ If I encompass my life with worldly things, I am out of God’s favor, but if I live in the world but encompass myself with the word and work by faith to do His will and not mine. I am a greater example of faith to others. Who gives us this faith? GOD does it. All of life’s lessons come into play... waiting on the Lord. Listen to His call by living in the word.

Matthew 9:18-26, Luke 17:19.

- **Belief or Trust in someone or something among Christians must be passed down.**
- **But again how do we do this?**

Depth: The great commission in life is to “Love God as you love yourself with all your heart, to devote yourself to his word and to love your neighbor as yourself.”

Being good steward is an extension of that love and belief in Faith Raising. Ephesians 2:8,
2 Timothy 1:8-10. If one is not raised in these ways you must teach them. 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Disciple Life is giving back to God what is already his. Our life----Christ died for me... and you too. How can we learn to be a good and faithful steward? Read the word and live the life he gave to us by being teachers of the word ... not just readers of the word of God.