

CORE VALUES

Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

It's All God's—We Are His Stewards

I Chronicles 29: 14

Introduction: The third core value that expresses our conviction about who we are in Christ and our mission is the concept that everything we have belongs to God. We may express our stewardship by certain and different ways of giving, but we recognize that we are stewards of what really belongs entirely to God. In recognizing His rightful Lordship we find that we can maximize these resources and derive the joy of abundant living as we learn to invest according to His guidance.

I. Video Introduction

- A. The great history of the C&MA in missionary enterprise
- B. The personal testimony of Dr. David Thompson, surgeon

II. The Trilogy of Our Endowment

- A. Our Time
 1. Life is a gift from God and it belongs to Him
 2. The common denominator of all lives is time, it is the universal leveling commodity for every human being.
 3. Every moment belongs to God and we are but stewards of the days He has ordained for us.
- B. Our Talents
 1. We are not accidents but carefully crafted individuals.
 2. Through our parents, our homes, and our environment God has built into each of us the talents and attributes that make us who we are and He has designed us for a purpose in His plan which will bring the greatest fulfillment and joyful utility of our uniqueness.
- C. Our Material Resources
 1. Each of us has something of value, most of us have quite a lot.
 2. Every good and perfect gift has come from above, from the Father.
 3. Our resources belong to God and are “loaned” to us for our enjoyment. We were designed to share, and in the sharing to find true blessing: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

III. First Fruit Giving is a Demonstration of Trust in a Benevolent God

- A. God does not “need” our gifts, but, like the privilege of prayer, He has invited us to share as partners in His work by yielding our resources to His goals.
- B. First fruits giving (of time, talents, and materials) is a demonstration of trust and confidence in the faithfulness of God and a recognition that it all belongs to Him.
- C. Faithful, consistent, giving is an expression of faith and a privilege of partnership.

Conc: Have you placed your life and all that it contains upon the altar for God’s use? Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it abides alone, but if it dies it brings forth much fruit. If you want your life to be a great harvest you must plant it in the soil of God’s field.

“But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.”

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Alliance Bible Church Core Values

- *Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.*
- *Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.*
- *Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.*
- *Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service.*
- *Obedying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.*

