

SCRIPTURAL RESOURCES

OLD TESTAMENT		
Genesis	1-24	God created the world in seven days.
	2:5-25	God created man and women
	22:1-19	God put Abraham to the test: To prove the firmness of Abraham's faith in God's promise that through Isaac all the nations of the earth would find blessings.
	28:10-22	Jacob's dream of the staircase to heaven with stone as a pillow.
Exodus	19:5	We own nothing.
	23:9	Help the poor.
Leviticus	25:23	We own nothing. The land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine, and you are but aliens who have become my tenants.
	27:30	Tithes belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him.
Numbers	18:29	From all the gifts that you receive, and from the best parts, you are to consecrate to the Lord your own full contribution.
Deuteronomy	8:6-20	Danger of prosperity – warning of not giving.
	10:10	God promised he would give us land.
	24:17-22	Justice, equity and charity.
II Samuel	24:24	Sacrificial giving: The kings, however, replied to Aranuah, “No, I must pay for it, for I can not offer to the Lord my God holocausts that cost nothing.”
Nehemiah	10:36-40	Tithing – first fruits
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Psalms	24:1-2	Ownership and creation.
	115:12-14	Creation.
Proverbs	3:9-10	Honor the Lord with all your wealth, with the first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.
	31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	Living as a steward
Sirach	Ecc 29:11-12	Give planned, proportionate and sacrificial goals.
Isaiah	25:4-6	Poor people – the Lord will provide
Malachi	1:14-22	Sacrificial: Cursed is the deceiver, who has in his flock a male, but under his vow sacrifices to the Lord a gelding.
New Testament		
Matthew	6:1-4	Giving alms (Ash Wednesday Reading)
	6:19-21	Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal... for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.
	6:24-34	You cannot serve God and money – Dependence on God – Do not worry about your life.
	16:24-28	The conditions of discipleship.
	18:10-14	The parable of the lost sheep.
	20:1-16	The workers in the vineyard.
	24:25	Faithful and prudent steward.
Mark	25:14-30	The Parable of the Talents.
	4:24-25	The parable of the Lamb.
	10:17-31	The rich man.
	12:41-44	The poor widow's contribution – Widow's Mite.

Luke	6:24-25 6:38 9:60-62 10:29-37 11:41 12:15 12:32-34 19:11-27 20:9-19 21:1-4	But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Measuring your giving. “Go and proclaim the kingdom of God...” The Parable of the good Samaritan. Give alms Guard Against Greed Give alms; Wherever your heart is your treasure will be The Parable of the Ten Gold Coins. The Parable of the Tenant Farmers. The poor widow’s contribution – Widow’s Mite.
John	14:15-21 19:25	The Advocate. Mary, Mother of God and stewardship.
Acts of the Apostles	20:35	It is more blessed to give than to receive.
Romans	13:8-10 14:12	Love fulfills the law. So then, each of us shall give an account of himself to God.
I Corinthians	10:17 12:4-11 14:12	Eucharistic stewardship. Unity and variety of blessings and gifts. “Seek to have an abundance... for building up the church.”
II Corinthians	8:1-9 9:1-15	Generosity in giving. God’s indescribable gift – His life; cheerful giver.
Ephesians	5:15-16	Duty to live in the light.
I Timothy	3:15 6:17-19	Being a steward of the church. The right use of wealth: be generous, sharing what you have.
Hebrews	13:5 13:16	Let your life be free from love of money, but be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never forsake you or abandon you.” Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.
James	1:16-18 2:14-17	God’s gifts to us. Faith and works.
I Peter	4:8-11	Christian Charity: As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.
I John	3:17	Love for one another – worldly needs.
The Four Pillars of Stewardship		
Hospitality	Hebrews 13:2	Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Prayer	Thes 5:17	Pray without ceasing.
Formation	Acts 2:42-47	Formation of the new Christian Community
Service	Mt 20:28 Mt 25:40	Called to serve. The least ones.