

GODS PLAN FOR MAN

Stewardship Part 1

Genesis 1

Stewardship is _____ something that isn't your own.

If you don't understand stewardship you won't understand _____ you were put on earth. You don't understand why God made you.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

Genesis 1:1

You need to understand that God _____ everything. God _____ every plant, every rock, every animal, every person, every thing. The Bible says, *"The heavens declare His glory..."* Psalms 19:1 NKJV *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof..."* Psalms 24:1 NKJV

God created it -- He made it -- so therefore He has ownership of it.

"God holds everything together" Colossians 1

God looked at the world and said it's good" Genesis 1:25

It's very good Genesis 1:31

_____ was created. God looked at the earth and said, "I did a good job on this but there's something lacking." And he made man. And man made the difference.

Why did God make man? How was man different from the animals? Man was made differently from the animals in two different ways.

1. Different in _____. It said God made man *"... in our own image."* God said, "I'm going to make man like Myself. In My own image, after My own likeness." So we're like God in His character. We have the creative ability to make things like our creator. God is a creator and He made us to be creative.

2. Different in _____ description. *"God blessed them and said to them [talking to man and woman] 'Be fruitful and increase in number. Fill the earth. Subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every creature that moves on the ground.'" The Lord God took man -- after He made him, He put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it.*

Why did God make man? And what is his purpose? The Bible says that God made man to be the caretaker of the world, to be the _____, to be the steward of all the resources of all that God had created.

God spells it out very clearly in (Genesis 2:15)

Fill the earth, subdue it, rule over it, work it, and take care of it.

All of these five things God expects you and I to do.

Man's problem was then and still is today is we forget what we were really created for. We forget our _____. We start thinking it's all ours to do as we please and we start taking ownership.... I've earned it. It's all mine because look at what I have accomplished.

We forget that you and I are just managing it for God.

We start using words like *my* and *I* and *mine*... this is *my* life, this is *my* plans, these are *my* possessions, *my* money and *my* time. But the truth is who gave all that to you?