

Stewardship is a privilege for Christians.

When we receive a gift or a present from someone we say, “thank you.” When our children receive gifts or presents we teach them to say, “thank you.” Saying “thank you” is a courtesy, and a show of good manners.

When we give a gift or a present we do not necessarily expect that person to say, “thank you,” but it sure does make us feel good when they do. Mostly it makes us feel good just to be able to give something to someone else. Giving makes the giver feel good.

What would you do if you were unable to say, “thank you,” or if you had no way of acknowledging a gift or present that you have received. It would certainly bother you that you would not be able to say, “thank you.” As the receiver of a gift or present, it is important for us to be able to acknowledge that we have received the gift or present with gratitude.

God gives everything to everyone. We are given (receive) everything we have from God. God gives, we are given to (receive). Fortunately, for us Christians, God also gives us a way to respond, to say, “thank you.” The way God gives us to respond is through returning to Him some of our time for service to Him in His kingdom and in His church. We are able to respond by giving of our talents, using our special gifts and abilities for service in His kingdom and church. We are able to respond by taking care of our bodies, living lives to His glory. And we are able to respond by returning a portion of our treasures, our monies to the Lord.

Praise the Lord that He gives us this privilege to respond to all His good gifts and blessings. Without this privilege we would indeed be unfortunate.