

Stewardship is New Thinking.

“Dad, where do we get bread?” the young child asked.

“Our daily bread comes from God,” answered his father.

“No, Dad! How does God provide it?” he asked a little more persistently.

The following is an answer to the young child’s persistent question.

The farmer sows the seed. God provides the rain and the sun to make the seed grow. God provides the farmer with the equipment, purchased or borrowed, from other sources to plant and harvest the wheat crop. The farmer harvests the ripe wheat and sells it to be ground into flour. The flour is purchased by the baker who, along with the flour, purchases all the other ingredients in order to make the bread. Of course, all the other ingredients follow a similar process in getting to the baker.

The baker mixes the ingredients, bakes the bread, slices it, bags it and sells it to the grocery store. The grocery store prices and stocks the bread, along with many other foods we eat.

We go to the grocery store, in an automobile that runs on gas and uses oil and water to run. These things all have their sources of supply.

God gives us the ability to work, to earn money to buy bread. He gives us a job to work to earn money to buy bread.

All along the way God’s directing hand is in the process of the making, buying and selling of the bread.

Where do we get bread? God gives us our daily bread. God gives us all the things we need to support our daily lives. God gave us everything we needed for yesterday. He gives us everything we need for today. Why would we think that He would stop giving to us tomorrow? God gives to us first out of His abundance. He gives us everything that we need. Being good stewards of all His good gifts and blessings means that we give back to Him first, our first fruits. To God be the glory.