

Stewardship of Resources

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Stewardship...

**is your caring for something
that belongs to another
and has been entrusted to you.**

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Stewardship of Choice

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(songwriters Billy Wayne Yates / Michael Curtis)

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There were voices that told me right from wrong
If I had listened no I wouldn't be here today
Living and dying with the choices I made.

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I was tempted by an early age I found
I liked drinkin' oh, and I never turned it down
There were loved ones but I turned them all away
Now I'm living and dying with the choices I made

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I guess I'm payin' for the things that I have done

If I could go back oh, Lord knows I'd run

But I'm still losin' this game of life I play

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Choice is so precious in God's eyes and in his creation that God knew he would give his Son's life to make it possible for us to choose (to have the option of eternal life).

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Having been given the power of choice it is now a stewardship (from God to us).

We will give an account for our choices.

➤ **Let's choose wisely and reverently.**

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1. I acknowledge God as creator and rightful owner of all things.
2. I recognize God has given me a sacred trust.
3. I recognize I will give an account to God for how I care for what he has entrusted to me.
4. I choose to view everything I have as belonging to God and will treat it with the care God deserves.

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What Resources Has God Entrusted to Us?

1. Matthew 25:31-36: Food, drink, lodging, clothes, health, freedom...relationships
2. Matthew 25:14-30 – Finances / Money
 - I Corinthians 16:1-4; Malachi 3:6-12
3. Power to Forgive (Grace) – John 20:23 / Eph. 4:29
4. God's Spirit – Genesis 2:4-7; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4
5. What God has placed in your hand – Exodus 14

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