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STEWARDSHIP

In reading this stewardship and the kingdom of God I must admit I've learned a lot. I am a preacher's kid I grew up in the church. The Methodist Church AME Zion to be exact and even though this was not in the bylaws of the church, it was an unwritten rule that stewardship was for females because they had multiple stewardess boards led by the females of the church. I always assumed that stewardship was for the females not even realizing my bias. I have learned that stewardship begins and ends with God. Once you are saved and come into the body of Christ you are a Steward. With great power comes great responsibility and to be allowed into the body of Christ gives you power, one needs to be responsible with their power.

I love the part of paper that talks about the health and wealth gospel, does God really promise to bless his children with health and wealth? I definitely have encountered preachers in the health, wealth, prosperity movement and even though I am appalled by some of them, in this paper it teaches me before I speak words of correction and find myself denouncing this particular faith movement harshly. If I disagree with a Prosperity movement I still have to refrain from being harsh and judgmental. If it is my only purpose is to speak the truth, I ended up hurting or slandering their movement I will not only lose the opportunity for godly correction. I will also be inviting God's discipline on my own head. And when bringing correction I must be careful not to cast away God's truth in the process. I have seen preachers with the health and wealth gospel completely turn me off. I believe that God will make some of us very comfortable and there's

nothing wrong with that. But preachers who make monetary gain or blessing the main part of that ministry and use it to manipulate money out of the congregation is very disheartening

an additional part of the paper that I love and have experience in is to give without seeking recognition. I was taught a valuable lesson by someone who supposedly trying to help. When I first turned my life around and just starting to get my wardrobe together, I was approached by a female in one of the 12 step meetings, she asked if I would like a pair timberland boots that she got from her son that was almost new. I said of course I will take those boots I can use them. At a meeting a couple of days later she pointed out to a friend, see those are the boots that I gave him. I felt so embarrassed but I needed that lesson. Whenever I give clothing to somebody which I do a lot because I'm a shopaholic and have so much stuff which is a blessing in itself I make sure to give it to the person when nobody else is around, and to never bring it up or repeat what I have done.

I understand what the blessing of desperation and having the obsession lifted from my life over drugs, I must be a steward over that. I go to a 12 step program and stay in prayer to maintain my recovery. Finally embarking upon the ministry only starts my stewardship. I am a steward for God I am a steward by God and I am blessed to know that stewardship is for all who are blessed and born again.

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