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STEWARDSHIP

Throughout the Old and New Testament God has given man blessings and with that blessing came the stewardship to maintain them. God gave Israel freedom when they left Egypt by taking them through the Red Sea, only to have them complain and want to go back to Egypt when things weren't what they saw as being comfortable.

Often in life we are pressed out of our comfort zones. We are not being punished. God wants to move us on to something better. He sees that we have been good stewards of what He has given us, and now it is time to move on. We let go of one blessing to grasp another.

Stewardship means simply taking care of what God has given us. Whether it is a family, a job, a business, a home, or simply our health, we are to take care of it. We are to consider that all these blessings came from God and belong to God. He has just given us stewardship to take care of what belongs to him.

We must not be like the children of Israel in the wilderness and murmur and complain at the lack of what we feel is good. They grew tired of manna and quail. Their murmuring cost them from entering the promised land. They were not good stewards of the blessing. I think it would be awesome to walk outside daily and find food on the ground to sustain us. But they grew tired of it.

Good stewards are thankful for what God gives them and trusts that God has a great plan for them. They give thanks to God for the blessings and give God glory for all He has placed in their hands. They know one day that God will examine their stewardship and will hear, ***"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of the Lord,"*** (Matthew 25:23) and their labor and stewardship will not have been in vain. They were found faithful.