

## **MANAGING OUR POSSESSIONS**

### **Proverbs 3: 7-10**

The things that we possess are the things that God has given to us to manage. Stewardship is how we manage the possessions assigned to us. When we manage our resources and assets well we are called faithful stewards. Unfaithful stewards are persons who do not manage the possessions assigned to them. Our possessions can be material, spiritual or emotional. Material possessions can include our land, finances, clothes, and other tangible physical properties. Spiritual possessions reveal our obedience to God and our faithfulness to spiritual disciplines such as worship, prayer and Bible study. Emotional possessions deal with our thinking and feelings as we approach the challenges in life.

Our possessions can provide for us a lifestyle to celebrate. Because we care about the possessions provided for us, we make an effort to protect or secure our possessions. The priority of our military is protecting the land in which we live. Protecting our possessions provides us a sense of security. This is why we spend time protecting our possessions with insurance and security systems.

Let me share with you three things from our text that could help us Manage Our Possessions.

1. Holy Love for Your Possessions. (vs. 7)
  - A. Walk in humility with your possessions
  - B. Work in hospitality with your possessions
  
2. Healthy Look at Your Possessions. (vs. 8)
  - A. We are managers of our possessions
  - B. We can minister with our possessions
  
3. Honor the Lord with Your Possessions. (vs. 9-10)
  - A. First fruits of your increase
  - B. Faithful faith from your inspiration