

THE LAST WEEK OF THE LORD JESUS ON EARTH

IVα. Jesus' Final Day of Public Teaching (cont.)

Jesus Proclaims Truth (Part 21g) First Watch c. 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, 12th Nisán (April 1), A.D. 33. Lesson: **Conditions on Earth When The Son of the (Hu)Man Returns to Earth** Mt. 24:37-42; Mk. 13:32-37

Introduction: Having examined the Lessons that The Lord Jesus taught in The Temple to the multitude and His disciples during the day on Wednesday, we then considered:

I. His exit from The Temple and

II. His prophetic teaching on the journey up to and upon The Mount of Olives.

After answering the disciples three questions concerning when and what signs they were to look for to indicate the Time of His Return To Earth to set up His Kingdom, He then told The Parable of The Fig Tree followed by a description of life on Earth and told five more parables. It was noted that The Lord Jesus made a clear distinction between His return in the air and His Return to the Earth to set up His Kingdom.

A-C. Answering the Three Questions asked by Four Disciples (c. 6:40-7:00 P.M.).

The Lord Jesus answered the three questions that Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him (Mk. 13:3,4) concerning when the destruction and demolishing of Jerusalem and the Temple, His coming Parousia to set up His Kingdom, and the consummation of The Age would take place. After answering these three questions (c. 6:40-7:00 P.M.), The Lord Jesus taught a very significant and pertinent parable to His disciples.

D. The Parable of The Fig Tree and All The Living Trees c. 7:45 P.M.

We considered six factors in connection with this unique parable concerning The Fig Tree and The Living Trees.

1. The Symbols of The Budding Fig Tree and All The Living Trees.
 - a. The Fig Tree Symbolizes the Nation of Israel. The nation of Israel in The God's determined plan was for every man to dwell safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, which occurred under Solomon's peaceful forty year reign. But soon thereafter Israel ceased to obey more and more until Isaiah in his day prophesied of The Day of The LORD'S vengeance "as a falling fig from the fig tree."
 - b. All The Living Trees Symbolize all the Reestablished Gentile Nations Significant to Israel. So many nations have sprung up or battled into existence as a nation since Israel was approved and later declared to be a nation by The United Nations. And many more nations have followed and are struggling to become a nation.

2. The Sign of The Budding Fig Tree.

This occurrence indicates two aspects of the impending Parousia, The coming Presence of The Lord Jesus Christ back to Earth: a. The Summer is approaching and is near and b. The Parousia, The Coming Presence of The Lord Jesus Christ, The King of kings and The Kingdom of The God is near at the doors. Thus not only are the Jews able to conclude that summer is near, but also that the anticipated and longed-for Kingdom of The God is near and is indeed at the doors.

3. The Significance of The Time.

This generation of those people who beheld The Fig Tree, namely

Israel and all the living trees, namely the newly established or reestablished Gentile nations sprouting up shall not entirely (every single one of them) die off of themselves or through disasters or warfare until all these things come to pass.

4. The Certainty of Termination of The Age.

Because The Lord Jesus Christ never spoke from His own thinking, but from His Father's, His words shall never fail. Therefore the termination of The Age by His, Parousia (Coming Presence) is as certain as His birth, His perfect sinless Life, His crucifixion, and His Resurrection-Ascension.

5. The Secrecy of The Exact Time (Mt. 24:36 cf. v. 30c).

Although The Lord Jesus gave full and complete conditions that must be fulfilled first before His Parousia can occur and from all those considerations an exact time was not given but those stipulations of what must precede His Parousia gave indication which can enable discernment of the nearness thereof, but leaves a certain indefiniteness, thereby encouraging, yea urging persistency of focus and keeping constantly in mind that He **is** coming soon.

6. The Seriousness for Every Regenerated Disciple to Continually Watch and Be Ready (Lk. 21:34-36).

This is a serious matter and a deep concern that The Lord Jesus had for His Disciples and for us, both you and me. He urged us to supplicate, to implore, to earnestly and urgently intreat The Throne of Grace for ourselves and be faithful and persistently endure to the end.

Then we resumed our study with Our Lord's Discourse on The Conditions on Earth to occur following the sprouting of The Nation of Israel and all the nations to come into existence or to resume existence after a long dormancy. Thus it is **now** in this present time.

E. The Conditions on Earth When The Son of the (Hu)Man Returns to Earth c. 7:15 P.M. (Mt. 24:37-42; Mk. 13:32-37).

The Lord Jesus Christ declared Four Prevailing Events Occurring upon The Earth before That Sudden Catastrophe Overtakes Humanity by the appearance of The Son of The (Hu)Man to Earth as Conquering King.

1. A Disastrous Event of Sudden Destruction (Mt. 24:37-39; cf. Lk. 17:26,27 cf. 1 Pet. 3:20).

a. In the days of Noah the people were occupied with material, physical, and social living with no consideration of the spiritual and eternal aspects of life, nor consideration for The God even though The Spirit of The **LORD** had been striving with mankind for two thousand one hundred years. Then He gave 120 more years for them to hear the warning message that His messenger, Noah brought to the people. But it was rejected and no preparation for the future and life after death was made nor even considered.

b. They ignored the message that His messenger brought, but more they resisted persuasion to prepare for an event of which they could not conceive, never happened before, and therefore was ignored (1 Pet. 2:20).

Because of the lack of knowledge, one refuses to take notice of, or rejects Truth. The people in Noah's day rejected as false what they could not comprehend and resisted Noah's attempt to persuade them to prepare for the coming catastrophe of extended rain and so great a flood that the whole Earth would become deluged and the bodies of all human life on the Earth shall be destroyed because

- they ignored the warning. They acted ignorantly and stupidly.
- c. The deluge (flood) arrived as The God's Messenger predicted and just as His Message was proclaimed to occur. And every human, man, woman, and child who did not heed the warning of The God's Message and call or summons to enter the ark of refuge for salvation was carried away and drowned. And so it is today for all those who do not act upon The God's Message of Truth for Salvation and Redemption shall perish.
 2. A Dynamic Event Causing Separation and Division. The dynamic event of the Parousia 'at once' shall cause a heart-wrenching separation and eternal division of families, friends, and loved ones such as has never before been experienced. There shall be no end to this heartache. Heaven and The New Earth are at the extreme distance from Hell (during time) and The Lake of Fire in Eternity and are at opposite ends of the spectrum.
 3. A Determining Event Testing Security of Domicile from The Thief (Mt. 24:43,44).

This third event relates to one's body as the dwelling-place of the soul and spirit of the human. Are we really conscious of the fact that the redeemed disciple-saint is not only the dwelling-place of his or her body in which dwell one's own soul and spirit, but also is the dwelling place of The God by His Holy Spirit? Therefore you and I both are responsible to secure our bodies from the thief (Sin or Satan) both of which strive for control of the human body to defile it so that The God cannot be glorified nor be free to use it until repentance, committed trust in The Lord Jesus Christ, and complete surrender to Him to serve Him as His bonds slave. And what better way to gain that control than to get us to defile our bodies with any kind of sin physically, mentally, or morally!

4. A Disclosing Event Revealing Laxity of Stewardship (Mt. 24:45; Mk. 13:34-37; Mt. 24:46-51).

⁴⁵So-then who is the faithful and prudent bonds slave, whom the lord of-his appointed-to-position over his household-care [articular infinitive] in-order-to-give to-them their [article as pronoun] nourishment in due time? Mk. 13:34 [It is] as a-foreign-traveling human [generic] when-abandoning the dwelling of-his, even after-giving the authority to-the bonds slaves of-his and to-each-one his /work. And he-commanded the doorkeeper that he-persistently-watch. ³⁵Therefore persistently-watch! For &you-are-not -aware at-what-time The Lord of-The Dwelling is-coming: at first guard of evening [watch from 6-9:00 P.M.] or at-midnight or at-cock-crow [4-5:00 A.M.] or ³⁶in-morning-guard [prior to dawn]; ³⁶lest by-coming suddenly, He-find you& sleeping. ³⁷Now what-things I-am-saying to-you&, I-say to-all, persistently-watch! Mt. 25:46 [Favored-and-joyful-because-of-all-God's-beneficent-gifts] Blessed-one+ [is] that bonds slave! whom when coming, the lord of-his shall-find doing so. ⁴⁷Amen I-am-saying to-you&, 'He-shall-appoint him over all the-possession of-his.' ⁴⁸But if (and it may be) that 'evil bonds slave say [locative &v] in-the heart of-his, The lord of-mine is-delaying to-come. ⁴⁹And he-of-himself-begin to-beat his [article as pronoun] fellow-bonds slaves, then to-eat and to-drink [in company] with the intoxicated-ones+, ⁵⁰the-lord of that /bonds slave shall-arrive [locative &v] in-a-day in-which he-is- not -eagerly-expecting and [locative &v] in-an-hour in-which he-is- not -knowing [from experience]. ⁵¹And him, he-shall-cut-into-two-pieces. And he-shall-ordain [lay down] the part of-his [in company] with-the hypocrites. There shall-be the loud weeping

and the gnashing of-the teeth” (Mt. 24:45; Mk. 13:34-37; Mt. 24:46-51 APT).

In the midst of the Parable of The Foreign-Travelling Human recorded by Mark, The Lord Jesus Christ revealed and warned against the laxity of stewardship. At the close of that parable in Mark He said, “Now what-things I-am-saying to-you&, I-say to-all[+ or ~ people, cf. Rom. 14:9,12], persistently-watch!” (Mk. 13:37 APT). Therefore stewardship is vitally important for **All** humans saved and lost. But most pay little or no attention to it and many have never had any clear teaching about it. So that when “stewardship” is mentioned many people think that the subject of giving money to The Lord or to charity is intended. Giving is involved in stewardship. But stewardship involves far more than just giving money to The Lord or to charity. The Lord Jesus said much about ‘stewardship.’ He put a high priority upon it, and so should we!

Many times His teachings concerned stewardship without labeling it as such; i.e. The Parable of the Talents; The Parable of the Pounds; The Parable of the Good Samaritan; Jesus’ teaching concerning the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Poor One; the incident with the Syrophenician Woman; the Rich Young Ruler; and Jesus’ Instruction to His disciples after Feeding the Five Thousand; Feeding the Four Thousand, and the parable of The Foreign-Travelling Human. etc. (c. 7:30 P.M.)>

In order to understand the full significance of the parable of The Foreign-Travelling Human we must consider The Scriptural Concept of Stewardship.

EXCURSIS: STEWARDSHIP

A. What is Stewardship?

1. Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary defines stewardship as: “the office, duties, and obligations of a steward; also: the individual’s responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others.”
2. Economy is included in **responsibility!**
 - a. Translation of Greek word *oikonomia* (oikohnoméah) - from which the word ‘economy’ is derived.

Webster defines economy as: “1: the management of household or private affairs and esp. expenses; 2. a: thrifty and efficient use of material resources; frugality in expenditures; also: an instance or a means of economizing; b: efficient and concise use of nonmaterial resources (as effort, language, or motion) for the end proposed; 3: the arrangement or mode of operation of something; ORGANIZATION; 4: the structure of economic life in a country, area, or period; specifically an economic system.”

This is well-illustrated by The Story of the Housekeeper who loved a widower’s only son, who died in his teens. Heart-broken, the father died. No will was found. At the auction of the estate, the housekeeper purchased a photo of the son for pennies and discovered the father’s will in the picture frame leaving all to the purchaser of the photo.

All God’s riches and Christ’s inheritance are entrusted to the stewardship of those who trust and love God’s Son (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 4:1-7; 1 Pet. 1:3,4). The legacy of heaven is ours! We cannot expect to become entrusted to share in and of Christ’s inheritance in Heaven and in His Kingdom, reigning with Him, if we do not learn to manage well **all** that God entrusts to our

stewardship here and now.

B. What is a Steward?

1. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines the verb as: "to act as a steward for; MANAGE; to perform the duties of a steward," and the noun as "one who guards, . . . a head manager in a large family (household) or a large estate or manor to manage domestic concerns . . . an officer in charge of finances" (also Webster's New International Dictionary, 1924).
2. The Greek noun translated 'steward or 'manager of affairs [house administrator, usually a promoted bonds slave] is *οικνομοός* (oikohnohmóhs) which means "the manager of household or of household affairs esp. a steward, manager, superintendent (whether free-born or as was usually the case, a freed-man or a slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has intrusted the management of his affairs, the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age." (Logos Bible Software).
3. The translation of the Greek word *οικνομία* (oikohnohméah) literally is "house law." The meaning is: a manager of affairs, a steward, a house administrator, an overseer, a governor. One responsible for proper use of that which has been put into his trust. He usually was a promoted, trusted bonds slave who was given the responsibility to manage and preserve all his master's possessions (Luke 16:1,2). In The New Testament everyone who is redeemed and becomes a bonds slave to The Lord Jesus Christ and The God and as such is absolutely responsible as a steward of all that he or she possesses and receives from The God's bountiful hand by His Grace.

"¹Moreover He-was-saying also to^[the face of] His disciples, A certain human was a-rich-one⁺, who ^[customary imperfect]was-customarily-having a manager-of-affairs^[steward, lit.: house administrator, usually a promoted bonds slave]. And this-one⁺ ^[constative aorist 3]was-being-successively-incriminated-to-him as dissipating the possessions of-his. ²And when-calling^[aorist present participle] him, he-said to-him, How ^[is] this~ I-am-hearing concerning you[!] Render-at-once the accounting of-the stewardship^[managing of affairs] of-yours[!] For you-are-not-able to manage affairs" (Luke 16:1,2 APT).

The Lord Jesus told this parable to teach and warn of the terrible cost for not living and serving as bonds slaves and good stewards of the possessions entrusted to us. Scripturally in the matter of stewardship we are all bonds slaves either to Mammon and Satan or to The God and The Lord Jesus Christ. Not only did this bonds slave mishandle his master's possessions, but also negated his own possibility to inherit the genuine wealth in Eternity which is to share in all the inheritance of The Lord Jesus Christ (Lk. 16:10,11).

On the other hand the apostle encouraged The Corinthian saints to be found faithful to The Lord Jesus Christ as good stewards of **all that we have received** at the bountiful hands of The God by His boundless grace (1 Cor. 4:1,2,7).

"¹In-this-way a-human is-to-reckon us ^[Paul and *Sōsthehnays*] as attendants of-Christ and stewards^[house administrator, usually a promoted bonds slave] of-God's mysteries. ²Now furthermore it-is-constantly-being-sought in-the stewards, that an-individual be-found faithful. . . . ⁷For who distinguishes you[!] from others[!]? Then what [!]are-you-having, which [!]you-received not? Now even if (and it is true) [!]you-received ^[lit], why

are-you-boasting, as not receiving?” (1 Cor. 4:1,2,7 APT).

In order to comprehend what Scriptural Stewardship involves we must be conscious of The Extent of our Accountability to The God as we kneel before The Báymah upon which The Lord Jesus Christ shall sit (Rom. 14:9-12).

“⁹For [telic ets]for-this-purpose Christ both died-off and resurrected and [constantaorist2]constantly-Absolutely-Lives-again in-order-thatHe-exercise-lordship-over both dead-ones and Absolutely-Living-ones. ¹⁰Then yourself, why are-you-judging the brother of-yours? Or also yourself, why are-you-treating-with-contempt the brother of-yours? For [tech.term, lit.: to stand-alongside]we- all -shall-present-ourselves-alongside The Christs [Báyma] Judgment-seat-on-steps. ¹¹For it stands written,[Isa. 45:23] Myself, I-am-continuously-Absolutely-Living, ⁰Lord is-repeatedly-saying, ‘Every knee shall-bend-in- veneration to-Me and every tongue shall-publicly-confess to-The God.’” ¹²So-then therefore each-one- ofUs -individually shall-giveaccount [a-word]concerninghimselfto-TheGod” (Rom. 14:9-12).

B. Of What Are We Responsible to Manage Well?

There are seven areas, all of which we must consider in order to comprehend all that is essential for all of us to give close attention and faithful, responsible concern.

1. The Totality of Your Life:

a. Your Body - Soul - Spirit (1 Thes. 5:23):

The God wants our whole being, body, soul, and spirit totally committed to Him first, before we give Him money and service. He begins with our bodies because what controls our whole lives is in the head of the body, the brain and then the heart. before light of Truth is absorbed it enters the body through the eyes and the ears. Then it enters the mind in the brain where Satan can block from going further by blinding the person. If not blinded it enters the heart (not the blood pump, but the innermost being where the spirit resides (Isa. 57:15; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26-28; Deut. 2:30; Prov. 15:13) and lights up the whole body (2 Cor. 4:4-6), and continues residing in the human spirit to be reminded by The Holy Spirit.

(1) Proper Use -according to order of control. Which of three?

When your spirit is in control the order of control is Godward; when your soul is in control the order of control is manward; or when your body is in control the order of control is selfward.

Differentiate between Heart (Spirit) and mind (soul) - (Deut. 30:1,2,6,10; 1 Chr. 28:9; 2 Chr. 6:38; 15:12; 34:31). The heart is the seat of the spirit of man (Ex. 35:21; Ps. 51:10,17; 34:18; 77:6; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26,27; 1 Kings 21:5,7; 1 Pet. 3:4). The mind controls the soul and the thinking capacity of humans.

(2) Do not misuse your body! Which one is in control? And what is your order of submissiveness?

Immoral	Moral	Carnal	Spiritual
<u>Unbeliever</u>	<u>Unbeliever</u>	<u>Believer</u>	<u>Believer</u>
body	soul	soul	spirit
soul	spirit	body	soul
spirit	body	spirit	body

(3) Do not abuse your body! How? By overdoing it; overtaxing it; overeating; overworking; over-exercising; drugs; alcohol; tobacco; makeup; marring with: tattoos, earrings, studs in nose, tongue, and other body parts.

- (4) Do not disuse your body! How? By laziness; idleness; lack of exercise, sleeping when should be meeting the Lord in devotions, in worship, or other meetings, not using the training available.
- (5) Do not confuse your body! How? Three ways:
 - (A) By yielding to the control of your body or soul rather than yielding your spirit to the control of Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14) and by doing what you want rather than what God wants.
 - (B) By yielding body, soul, and spirit to other spirits to be influenced or oppressed by them.
 - (C) By living carnally as one lives before encountering a cross experience (crucifixion with Christ) while claiming to be trusting and committed to The Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:24-26; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:17).

b. Your Works (1 Cor. 3:9-16).

Paul used building with two kinds of building material to illustrate the works of the child of God: combustible and non-combustible building material.

(1) Combustible building material will burn away:

- (A) Wood - That which is done for the good of humanity (2 Tim. 2:20; Jer. 5:14; Dan. 4:10-12).
- (B) Hay - That which is done for the glory of the flesh (1 Peter 1:24; Isa. 40:6-8; Ps. 103:5; Jas. 1:10,11).
- (C) Stubble - The dregs of humanity (Mal. 4:1).

(2) Non-Combustible building material will purify and endure forever after burning in the fire.

- (A) Gold - That which is done for the glory of God (Ex. 28:2,4; 1 Peter 1:7).

Being obedient bondslaves, discipling others, teaching Sunday School, serving as deacons, holding offices in church or S.S., pianist, office work, true worship, honoring The God in life and in service done for the glory of God and not for recognition and acclamation of humans.

- (B) Silver - That which is done with the redemption of man in view (Num. 3: 45-48; 18:16; Lev. 27:3).

Tract distribution, evangelism, prison and nursing home ministries, street evangelistic meetings, witnessing, intercession, inviting others to special services with evangelistic thrust.

- (C) Precious Stones - Souls you have won to Christ (Mal. 3:17).

At this point time does not permit to consider the following seven areas adequately. So they are listed with references to be looked up and read from our next lesson, when we shall conclude this study on Stewardship and resume our study on Wednesday of The Last Week The Lord Jesus Christ lived on Earth.

- 2. The Teaching (Truth) Received** (1 Cor. 15:34; Mt. 7:24-27; 1 Peter 3:15).
- 3. Your Time:** (Jas. 4:13-16; 1 Pet. 1:17; Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5; Rom. 13:11-14; Eccl. 3:1-8,17; 8:6; Rev. 1:10; Lev. 23:9-21; Lk. 12:40-48; Lev. 27:30; Mt. 23:23).
- 4. Your Talents:** (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Pet. 4:10,11; Acts 11:29; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:27,28; Eph. 4:7-13).
- 5. Your Tasks:** (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23,24; Lk. 12:47,48; 1 Thes. 1:6,3 cf. 2 Cor. 8:5; 5:9-11; Lk. 19:12-15).

6. Your Talk: (Mt. 12:35-37; Eph. 4:25, 29,31; 5:4; Col. 4:6; Tit. 2:7,8; Jas. 3:1-15; 1 Sam. 2:3).

7. Your Treasures: (Deut. 26:12; Lev. 27:30; Mt. 23:23; Gen. 14:20; 28:20-22; Heb. 7:1-10).

The Lord Jesus Christ appointed His disciples to be stewards of all our possessions. He made His disciples stewards over **all** His possessions. Are you a redeemed disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ? If so how is your stewardship? There is much more of this subject in connection to this appointment to be studied, so we will reserve that which relates to this passage for next week.

Conclusion: Today we continued to consider The Lord Jesus Christ's teaching and prophesy upon The Mount of Olives. We reviewed His Parable of the Fig Tree, Israel and all the Living Trees, all the Reestablished Gentile Nations Significant to Israel. After relating this parable, He warned again of the seriousness to persist to the end keeping our focus upon our beloved Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus taught His disciples and us if we claim to be His disciples that it is vitally important to be prepared and spiritually ready for His Return because no one knows the day nor the hour that He shall come. He emphasized the punctiliar aspect of His coming and urged that we care for and protect our bodies so that Satan and Sin as a thief do not break in and steal our spiritual position and condition of purity and holiness. We must keep our bodies from being defiled by what we put in them, by what we put on them, and by what we do with them.

Application: Beginning today what steps will you and I take to be faithful, spiritual, pure, and holy, prepared and ready to meet The Lord Jesus Christ in the air should He come today?

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For next week: **Read and meditate upon: Jesus' Final Day of Public Teaching** (First Watch of Night c. 7:30 P.M.): **Stewardship in the Light of His Coming Continued** (Look up references after aspects 2-7 on page 7).

2. The Teaching (Truth) Received (1 Cor. 15:34; Mt. 7:24-27; 1 Peter 3:15).

We are responsible to manage well The Truth (teaching) received, making sure that we give it out accurately and do not hold it back in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18). Some have not been instructed and disciplined. Stop sinning by your indifference and inaction in this matter (1 Cor. 15:34).

The next five areas involve aspects necessary to prayerfully consider as to **How to manage your affairs!**

3. Your Time: (Jas. 4:13-16; 1 Pet. 1:17; Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5; Rom. 13:11-14; Eccl. 3:1-8,17; 8:6; Rev. 1:10; Lev. 23:9-21; Lk. 12:40-48; Lev. 27:30; Mt. 23:23). Make time or time will make you (what you really don't want to be). cf. Mal.3:10

The Lord claims seventeen hours or one day of waking time per week. But then, when you give God one day, you haven't given God anything except what He claims to be His (the Tenth). We call Sunday the Lord's day. But is it really His day? How do we spend it?

4. Your Talents: (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Pet. 4:10,11; Acts 11:29; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:27,28; Eph. 4:7-13).

Your innate abilities as well as your spiritual gifts are to be used for Him and not for self, even if you use them to earn your living. Manage them well as your other assets even though seemingly intangible.

5. Your Tasks: (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:23,24; Lk. 12:47,48; 1 Thes. 1:6,3 cf. 2 Cor. 8:5; 5:9-11; Lk. 19:12-15).

Whether your tasks be spiritual, secular, physical, or mental, they are part of your total assets and are to be managed well for God's glory.

6. Your Talk: (Mt. 12:35-37; Eph. 4:25, 29,31; 5:4; Col. 4:6; Tit. 2:7,8; Jas. 3:1-15; 1 Sam. 2:3).

You are responsible to manage well your speech and every word spoken. Therefore guard your tongue!

7. Your Treasures: Your Treasures (Deut. 26:12; Lev. 27:30; Mt. 23:23; Gen. 14:20; 28:20-22; Heb. 7:1-10).

“And all the tithe . . . is the LORD'S: it is holy unto The LORD.” (Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:8-11; 1 Cor. 16:1,2).

1. Material Treasures (Mt. 6:19-21; 23:23).

a. How The God views our material treasures (1 Cor. 9:1-14 cf. Rom. 15:25,26):

(1) As the ministering to the saints (1 Cor. 9:1);

(2) As our seed (2 Cor. 9:6-10);

(3) As our righteousness (1 Cor. 9:9,10 cf. Rev. 19:8);

(4) As our liberal distribution (1 Cor. 1:13).

Deut. 26:12; Lev. 27:30; Mt. 23:23; Gen. 14:20; 28:20-22; Heb. 7:1-10.

“And all the tithe . . . is the LORD'S: it is holy unto The LORD.” (Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:8-11; 1 Cor. 16:1,2). See notes on **The Principle of Tithing** in Appendix page 28.