

“STEWARDING LIFE”

(Lesson 1 – Part 2)

III. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF _____ OVER LIFE

Only God creates life. He is completely sovereign over life from conception to death.

A. In the _____ of Life.

The Bible shares with us truths of women in the scriptures who wanted children and were specifically given them by God:

1. **Sarah** (Genesis 18:13-14)
2. **Hannah** (I Samuel 1:5,19-20)
3. **Elisabeth** (Luke 1:7,11-14)

The Biblical record of these women reveal that God, *and only God*, opens and closes the womb.

B. In the _____ of Life.

Life is God’s creative masterpiece, and He alone has the power to sustain it and give it meaning and _____.

The determining principle of life – was, is and always will be - _____ to God.

Choice determines the *quality* of our lives (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

So, what is the **purpose** of our lives? (Rev. 4:11, Numbers 14:19-21)

Living for God’s glory requires of us to make spreading the **Gospel** a _____ part of our lives (Mark 16:15, Matt. 28:18-20).

C. In the _____ of Earthly Life.

Sin in the #1 killer of all human lives! (Romans 3:10, 6:23, 5:12)

God is Sovereign over life and the withholding of it. (Job 34:14-15)

God is Sovereign over the _____ of life. (Isaiah 38:5)

God is Sovereign over man’s _____. (Psalm 73:17,26)

If we truly desire a life of *significance* and *success*, we must look to God for instructions on His _____ for our success in life.

IV. THE _____ OF ETERNAL LIFE

Stewarding our *earthly lives* is important, but what about our *eternal lives*?

Eternal Life and New Life is ours because of.....

1. Our Eternal God – Eternal life never ceases to be a _____.

(Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8)

Christ’s death, burial and resurrection was what it took for man to have eternal life.

2. The Empty Tomb (John 11:25-27, John 14:6)

CONCLUSION: Remember, stewarding our lives is about managing and balancing God's gifts to enable us to invest our lives in people and things of lasting significance. Wise stewards will always look beyond the _____ of today to the outcomes of tomorrow. What we want our life's end to look like, begins with what we do **today** with the gifts that God has given to us. Each of us probably want or expect a **Matthew 25:21** ending, but these words will not be found in our future unless we are "*good and faithful*" stewards and servants with the gifts that God has given to us today! Our desires, opportunities, and responsibilities are _____. God has given to us all we need to be **good stewards**, but it is up to us invest His resources in His purpose that He has designed specifically and individually for us.