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**CONVICTIONS FOR BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP**  
**MATT 6:19-24**

- I. **Develop a Spirit of Generosity**  
I Corth. 16:2, II Corth. 9:6-8

- II. **Learn to be Content**  
I Timothy 6:6-10

- A. Buy a modest home.
- B. Buy cars that meet needs.
- C. Pay your bills on time.

Is it a need, a want, or a desire?

- III. **Guard your Integrity**  
Proverbs 6:16-19, 16:8, 19:1, 20:7

# **THE CULTURE CYCLE**

## **A History of America or Any Great Culture**

**FROM:**            **Bondage**

**LEADS TO:**      **Spiritual Faith**

**Great Courage**

**Liberty**

**Abundance**

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**Selfishness**

**Complacency**

**Apathy**

**Dependency – The United States is Here**

**BACK TO:**      **Bondage**

**“When they had pasture, they were filled. They were filled and their heart was exalted therefore they forgot me.” Hosea 13:6**

**“A true democracy exists only until the voters discover they can vote themselves money from the public treasury.”**

## STEWARDSHIP TIPS

God cares what we do with our money. I Timothy 5:8

It's not wrong to have resources, it is wrong when those resources have us.

A lot of money can make you insensitive to others.

Money can make you do things you don't want to do.

Money can drag you into a life style you don't want to do.

I Tim. 6:9-10

In other words: don't put your eggs in a temporal basket.

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Heavenly investments appreciate. "they multiply"

Heavenly investments are cared for by the Lord.

Heavenly investments please God.

Heavenly investments certify your passion.

Heavenly investments create joy in the body of Christ.

**IN OTHER WORDS – "GIFTS TO THE LORD NEVER GO AWAY"**