



STEWARDSHIP

*and the Family*

# KINGDOM STEWARDS

## RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

*What the BIBLE says...*

# Definition of Stewardship

- It is the job of supervising, managing or taking care of something.
- It is a Responsibility.
- There is an Accountability.
- All people are stewards, Christian or not.
- What makes stewardship KINGDOM ?

# Psalm 127:1 – 5

*Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones. Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like sharp arrows in a warrior's hands. How happy is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.*

# Psalm 127:1 – 5

- Unless God builds, we labour in vain.
- Children are a gift from God.
- Children are like arrows in a quiver of the warrior.
- Will not be embarrassed (put to shame) at city gates.

# Parent Responsibilities - Bow and Arrow

- There is a war – spiritual for the soul of your child.
- Shaping of arrow = raising/stewarding a child according to God's values.
- Warrior loads the arrow.
- Aim / Target = purpose in KOG - Matt 6:33; Matt 6:24.
- Arrow released/launched by parent.

# How do we sharpen the arrow?

## Matt22:37-40

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbour as yourself.*

# 1. LOVE GOD

- God is Sovereign.
- Jesus as Saviour.
- Filled with Holy Spirit.
- Hearing God's Voice.
- Obedient to God's Voice.



## 2. LOVE OTHERS

- All equal in value before God.
- Different gifts/talents/abilities.
- Forgiveness.
- Sowing/generosity.

### 3. LOVE SELF

- Created by God for a purpose & identity in Him.
- Belong to God – body, soul and spirit.
- We are temple of the Holy Spirit.

*1 Cor 6:19-20 Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.*

- Forgiveness.

## Deuteronomy 6:5-9

*And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and your gates.*

- Parents are stewards of their children.
- We are RESPONSIBLE training them for God's Kingdom.
- We will be ACCOUNTABLE before God.
- Will God say to you: "Well done, good and faithful steward!" (Matt 25:23).