

## HANDOUT FOR LAY ACADEMY #16

### QUOTATIONS: GOD'S OWNERSHIP AND OUR STEWARDSHIP

- "Everything we have is really loaned to us; we can't take anything with us when we depart. If we have no use for a thing, we should pass it on to someone else who can use it—now." — Norma S. Scholl
- "A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash." — Anonymous
- "It is an anomaly of modern life that many find giving to be a burden. Such persons have omitted a preliminary giving. If one first gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy." — John S. Bonnell, pastor and author
- "In our good works nothing is our own." — John Calvin, French theologian and reformer
- "There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbour." — John Calvin, French theologian and reformer
- "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands I still possess." — Martin Luther, German reformer and theologian
- "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us." — Gordon MacDonald, American pastor and teacher
- "The worship offering [is] a pure gift to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of the service." — Lynn A. Miller, author
- "Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you." — Lynn A. Miller, author
- "I believe with all of my heart that God's people possess God's provision to accomplish and fulfill God's purposes in the world." — Joel Vestal, founder of ServLife International