

Stewardship Moments-

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Stewardship: Certified Public Accountant and Christian Financial Advisor, Ron Blue, has a unique way of updating the term “stewardship.” In his video series, *Master Your Money*, Mr. Blue compares a steward to a banker. The money he uses to conduct business is not his own, he simply operates under the premise that he will manage the money of others. We would become quite angry if our banker began to use “our” money as though it were his. Each time we write a check it would be wise to remember we are but bankers who manage the Lord’s account.

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Giving and Receiving: Sadhu Sundar Singh was a Hindu who converted to Christianity and became a missionary to India. One winter afternoon, Sadhu was traveling on foot through the Himalayas with a Buddhist monk. It was bitter cold, and with night falling, the monk warned Sadhu that they were in danger of freezing to death if they did not reach their destination before darkness fell.

Just as they were traveling a narrow path above a steep precipice, they heard a cry for help. Down the cliffside lay a man. He had fallen and was injured. The monk looked at Sadhu and said, “Do not stop. God has brought this man to his fate. He must work it out for himself. Let us hurry on before we, too, perish.” But Sadhu, the Christian replied, “God has sent me to help my brothers. I cannot leave him.”

The monk made his way down the path through the whirling snow, while Sadhu climbed down the cliffside to the fallen man. Sadhu bandaged the man’s broken leg, and since the man could not walk, Sadhu took his cloak and made a sling. Sadhu tied the man onto his back and began the torturing climb back up to the trail. Doggedly, he made his way through the deepening snow. It was dark by then, and it was all Sadhu could do to follow the path. But he persevered, and although exhausted and overheated from exertion, he continued to walk. Finally, he could see the lights of his destination just ahead. Then, for the first time, Sadhu stumbled. But not from weakness. Something was lying on the trail nearly obscured by the snow. Slowly he bent down on one knee and brushed the snow off the object. It was the body of the Buddhist monk, frozen to death.

Later, after Sadhu and the injured man were safe and warm, rescuers returned with the body of the monk. He was dead. They told Sadhu, had you not carried the extra burden of the injured man, you would have not generated enough heat, and you would have perished beside the monk.

Years later, a disciple of Sadhu asked him, "What is life's most difficult task?" Without hesitation, Sadhu replied: "To have no burden to carry." *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* – Galatians 6:2.

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