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Have You Considered the Goodness of God
Part I – Grace
Stewardship Month 2014

1. Everything that God does is systematic and orderly, from the creation of the earth to the raising of the church
2. There are some who believe that the creation of the church was man's idea, the truth be told, the creation of the church was God's visionary concept before the world was created
3. Understanding God's system for maintaining, supporting, and perpetuating His church is essential knowledge for every believer
4. God's support system is fair and simple as described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 16:2 "Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you, lay by him in store, as God has prospered him" – gifts that we owe God's church that we neglect
5. The standard interpretation of the New Testament passage hinges on Malachi 3:8-10 "Will a man rob God? Yet, you have robbed God. But we say, wherein have we robbed God? In tithes and offerings" – tithes that we are commanded to pay, but we neglect
6. God in Genesis 1:27-28 and c.22:17 created man to be the chief manager over the earth, the air and the sea, therefore man was put in charge as God's steward of all His resources
7. As such, a steward is to manage not only God's resources given to him, but his own resources as God has given as well (talents, time and tithes)
8. The steward is required to bring not only his tithes to church, but his offerings as well, you are required to give an offering with your tithes
9. The steward is required to return a portion of his resources (with interest if you will), see The parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30
10. Everything we have belongs to God, we are to manage our and His resources for God's glory. A steward does not own anything
11. Luke 12:48 "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked"
12. ***Remember, because you did not come to church (missed a Sunday or several Sundays) does not mean that you should not send your tithes and offerings and gifts, which are used to maintain, support and perpetuate the church that God created!***