

God People and the World: Stewardship

What are the maker's instructions?

Then God said 'and now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over fish, the birds and all the animals, domestic and wild, large and small'. So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. God created them male and female blessed them and said, 'Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat ; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food'- and it was done. God looked at everything He had made, and He was very pleased.

(Genesis 1: 26-30)



1. How did God feel about what he had made?
2. What did God give humans power over? Christians call this Stewardship, explain what this means.
3. Does having power mean having responsibility?
4. Was there enough food in the world to feed everybody?

Then Jesus told them this parable, 'There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself, 'I haven't anywhere to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do', he told himself, 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones where I will store my corn and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself'. But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night you will have to give up your life, then who will get all these things you have kept to yourself?'

(Luke 12: 16-20)

5. How would you sum up the point Jesus was making?
6. Do you agree with Jesus when he describes the man as a fool?
7. Do you think this man was selfish?
8. Was this man being a good steward?
9. How is Jesus adding to the passage from Genesis?



This is called a Hunger Cloth it has been designed Jacques Chery and is called Crucifixion.

Hunger cloths are used by Roman Catholic Churches particularly in South America as a way of teaching members about the Christian faith.

Using what you have learnt during this unit.

- Explain the meta narrative this cloth is telling.
- What do you think of this way of teaching Christian beliefs?
- What is your view of the Christian teachings on Stewardship?

Level 6

'The Bible is the revealed word of God to his people; those Christians who don't take every word literally should not be considered Christians'. How would you respond to someone who said this?