

## Stewardship Day | Preparing, Celebrating, Discipling

### I. Preparation

- As always, you can go to [CelebrationOfGod.com](http://CelebrationOfGod.com), click on the holidays tab, select Stewardship Day and find a bunch of resources to help you celebrate God on April 22nd.
- One of those resources is our “Stewardship Day Bible Reading.” Many of you have contacted us to thank us for these Bible reading suggestions and schedules, and we look forward to making more and more in the future.
- The Bible Readings are designed for two purposes. Purpose number one is to help you prepare your mind for worshipping God on the holiday. It’s too easy to rush through life and when the holiday arrives, it surprises us because we weren’t ready for it.
- The Jews had preparations built into their special Holy Days that allowed them to get ready for the event so that they weren’t distracted on the day of or so that they didn’t break any ceremonial laws.
- Well, we don’t have any ceremonial laws about which to worry, but we do need to take some time to prepare our minds.
- The Bible Readings also have a celebratory function we’ll talk about in a minute.
- The best thing you can do to prepare for Stewardship Day is to meditate on God’s Word, talk with Him about creation and His expectations for you, and involve others in the process.

### II. Celebration

- The best way to celebrate any holiday is to focus on celebrating the God of the holiday. This isn’t about celebrating the earth. This is about worshipping God. He’s the focus.
- The day should be filled with giving God the preeminence, gratitude, submission, and being a shining light in the world.
- Yes, it’s completely appropriate to observe Stewardship Day by riding your bike to work, planting a tree, or do creation-friendly crafts. In fact, the podcast episodes I referenced earlier are filled with ways your family can reduce waste in your homes, embrace Sanctified Sustainability, and steward the earth better. Check them out if you’re interested in more practical ways you can enjoy Stewardship Day.
- But if we don’t make God the source and goal of that stewardship, then it’s no better than the World’s idolatry.
- We encourage you to take time on Stewardship Day to reflect on and practice these truths.
- But, you should also invite others to participate with you.

### III. Discipleship

- In addition to reading the passages, discussing what you read, and praying, you and your fellow disciples should also apply them.
- Maybe your class can participate in a park cleanup. Perhaps your church can adopt a highway. It would be great if your family planted a fruit tree.
- Just remember that Christ-honoring discipleship is always going to involve you and your fellow disciples growing in your knowledge and understanding of God and then living wisely as you submit to God in obedience.