

Create a Sustainable Home that Glorifies God

I. Biblical Stewardship

- Intelligent Stewardship
- Efficient Stewardship
- Gentle Stewardship

II. Sanctified Sustainability

- God is to be worshipped, not nature.
- Waste is to be avoided at all costs
 - *We squander the basic resources God generously bestows on us to accomplish His will.*
 - *We waste the time and talents given to us to praise our Savior and point all eyes to Him.*
 - *We fritter away the daily grace and Spirit empowerment the Lord provides.*
 - *We waste His absolute truth in the market place of ideas, hastily trading it for pathetic lies.*
 - *Lastly, too many people throw away God's gift of salvation by rejecting it or hiding it under a bushel.*
- Resources must be used to the best of their ability.
- Abuse must stop; conservation must start

III. Sanctified Sustainability Summary

- *Know God's Word:* If you don't know God's thoughts on our stewardship responsibilities for this planet, how can you keep them?
- *Understand the truth about your food:* Can you "eat or drink . . . all to the glory of God" if you don't know your food has been abused, made unhealthy by over-ambitious genetic engineering, or created in a wasteful manner?
- *Don't waste:* There is *no* excuse for any of us to add to landfills because we feel we "need" a new couch when our old one is perfectly fine. Sell it. Give it away. But consider whether or not that's the best thing God wants you spending your money on. Dave Ramsey shared a simple article to show us a tiny sliver of the things average people throw their money away for.

This is not a call to celebrate Arbor Day. This isn't a diatribe about recycling. This is an admonishment to teach our children how to worship God in every moment of our days at work and home, whether they're creating, eating, cultivating, recreating, or throwing away their garbage. Because the Christian life isn't just about going to church and reading our Bibles. It's about taking the Truth we learn from those activities and actively applying it to *everything* we do. Because if God's Word isn't sufficient enough to help me in the hallways and bathrooms and closets and wallets of my life, what is It sufficient for?