



**"HOW OUR  
CHURCH OUGHT  
TO BE"**

***Acts 2:1-12, 31-47***



**It had been 50 days since the Passover – When Jesus, our Passover Lamb was slain for our sin.**

**It had been 47 days since He arose from the grave, victorious over death, guaranteeing eternal life.**

**It had been a week since His ascension back into heaven.**

**Now, on the Day of Pentecost the church was empowered.**

**We have all the necessary ingredients the first church had – Why don't we experience the power and growth they did?**



**Over the next few Sundays we're going to examine ourselves, our church, and our motives. We're going to have a "CHECK-UP."**

**With any check-up there is some unpleasantness, but there is also some assurances and comfort.**

**We need to give account of our stewardship**  
*(Lk.16:1-2).*

**Everyone must give account sooner or later. Either here and now, when change is possible, or in the Hereafter, when it is too late and judgment comes.**

**It's better to give account now than at the judgment.**





**We think that only happens to others or only applies to others. This applies to all of us.**

**Saved or unsaved, church member or not – We are all accountable to God.**

**God created us and sustains us, and we will give an account to Him for what we did with what He gives us.**

**Eli was a steward of his own family as well as a prophet of God. He had to give account and because he was not faithful he suffered loss of house and family.**

**Many a Christian has suffered physically, financially, and emotionally because of their unfaithful stewardship.**



# I. THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME:

## A. How many hours wasted?

1. Rest and Relaxation is not time wasted.
2. Time wasted is not used for Good to this world, nor the world to come.
3. Time wasted is time spent on serving Sin, Self, and Satan.

## B. Where did you spend yesterday - doing what?

## C. God will ask for an account of what we did with every moment of time He has given us.



## II. THE STEWARDSHIP OF TALENTS:

**A. We all have natural talents or gifts given by God.**

**1. Some have great talent – others almost hidden.**

**2. Yet we must all give account for how we use what God has given us.**

**B. Talent given Rock Stars – sad day when called to give account.**

**C. Politicians have a talent to speak – Yet never a word about Christ.**



### III. THE STEWARDSHIP OF SUBSTANCE:

A. Some God has given much (Lk.12:48).

B. Don't know what some will say concerning what they give.

1. They don't give a tithe.

2. Only give to ease their conscience or to look respectable.

C. Some make more in a day than many in a year.

D. Who are we to judge if we can't say we've been faithful with our little?

## IV. THE STEWARDSHIP OF INFLUENCE:

A. Everyone has some kind of influence.

B. You Mothers:

1. Who knows what child will be another Billy Graham – or maybe Murray M. O'Hare?
2. What an influence a mother has!

C. You Fathers: (*Prov.22:6*)

1. Not Sunday or Public School teacher.
2. You'll give an account for them spiritually.

D. Each has influence and must give an account.

