



LIFE WAY CHURCH MINISTRIES

2022 PRAYER AND PETITION
“The Year of Stewardship (Management)”

Stewardship: To protect the interest and assets of the owner (God) for the purpose of the advancement of the Kingdom of God here on earth (His house).

Father God, we come to You in the year of 2022 standing on Your Word in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the establisher of our covenant with you and God the Father, in accordance with **1 Corinthians 12:31**, “But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.” In 2022 we as a congregation choose to come together in unity to bring forth the “Stewardship” of God in our Church and in our individual lives. I will not neglect my obligation within my covenant privileges. I will faithfully pray, and give of my money, gifts, talents, and abilities, in support of the “Stewardship” of God within our congregation as well as in my family and personal life.

The Building of God’s House through “Stewardship”

1. We stand believing that in this year of 2022 Life Way and the families within Life Way will experience a year of “Stewardship” like no other. We stand in faith looking to the author and finisher of our faith to perform the “exceeding and abundant above all that we can ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20. We confess and decree, that we stand under the divine covering of Life Way Church ministries and will in the year 2022 experience a divine impartation of God’s “Stewardship” within our families and ministry in 2022.

(1 Kings 6:11-14) 11. Then the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: 12. "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. 13. "And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people, Israel." 14. So Solomon built the temple and finished it.

Prayer of “Stewardship”

2. I will be committed to daily prayer and fasting as led by the Spirit of God and the reading of the Word of God, that I might be ready to perform my function of “Stewardship” in bringing about the excellence of God in both my personal life and in the lives of those within my Church in 2022.

(Psalms 5:1-8) 1. Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. 2. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3. My voice You shall hear in the

morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. 4. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. 8. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

The Receiving and Demonstration of the “Stewardship” of God

3. I will be committed to demonstrating my responsibility and God-given authority of “Stewardship” by the Spirit of God upon my life in 2022.

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7) 6. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

The “Stewardship” of Unity

4. I will be committed to attending Church services regularly in 2022, that I may grow and develop in the faith, that I may demonstrate the “Stewardship” of Unity as I stand in one accord with the local body of Christ to which I and my family are called, and that I would demonstrate unity under the covering of God and His kingdom.

(Psalms 133:1-3) 1. (A Song of degrees of David.) Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2*It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; 3As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

The “Stewardship” of Spiritual / Natural Representation

5. I will be committed to myself, my local church (Life Way) and the Kingdom of God; I will operate in “Excellence” spiritual warfare before God and man in 2022.

(Genesis 1:26-27) 26And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The “Stewardship” of Humility and Grace

6. I will walk in the “Stewardship” of God’s grace and mercy which will provide me the necessary wisdom, knowledge and understanding to be a good steward over the increase in the life of my family and Life Way Church in 2022.

(Philippians 3:7-15) 7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also, I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

The "Stewardship" of Treasures

7. I am committed to the Covenant Order of "Stewardship;" thereby will I honor God in Heaven with my treasures as He honors me on Earth in 2022.

(Matthew 25:14-30) 14For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several abilities; and straightway took his journey. 16Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same and made *them* other five talents. 17And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two. 18But he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money. 19After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25And I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine. 26His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28Take therefore the talent from him and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents. 29For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 31When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angles with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

“Stewardship” of Honor and Respect

8. I will receive and uphold the “Impartation of Stewardship” for the honor, order, and respect of God. I will submit to the order and authority in place at Life Way Church before God. I understand that to receive the due honor and respect of God, I must give honor and respect in 2022.

(1 Chronicles 28:1) 1And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

The “Stewardship” of Seedtime and Harvest

9. I will, through faith, receive and walk in the full earnest expectation of the principle of seedtime and harvest in the earth, that I may extract out of the earth (God’s creation) the necessary potential to maximize my efforts of “Stewardship” in 2022.

(Genesis 8:22) 22While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

10. I will be committed to my Birthright and Place in the “Stewardship” of Christ Jesus our Lord unto the glory of God the Father because I recognize both I and all things are created for His pleasure in 2022.

(Revelation 4:11) 11Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The “Stewardship” of Wisdom

11. I will be committed to aligning my thoughts and actions with positions of “Stewardship” and not foolishness in 2022.

(Psalms 24:1-5) (A Psalm of David.) The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. 3Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

“Stewardship” of Time and Resources

12. I will be committed to the ‘Stewardship’ of God’s Plan and Purpose for my Life by operating in conscious awareness of time and resources. Understanding that time and resources are divine gifts of God within every season in 2022.

(1 Corinthians 4:5-7) 5Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. 6And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and *to* Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think *of men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against

another. ⁷For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

As a result of my compliance with this Petition and my commitment to my Church, spiritual covering, and You Father God, I will do my best in this “**Covenant Execution.**” I will partner with you as a member of Life Way Church to see You manifested in my life, family, church, community, and Nation. I will no longer be individually minded but **Covenant** minded. I am willing and able to give of my money, time, gifts, and talents. As a result of my change, I believe and stand on Your Word according to **Psalms 91:1-8** “¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³ Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. ⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.”

In accordance with **Hebrews 13:17** which says, “¹⁷Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you,” I stand in obedience to my Apostle who watches for my soul. As he follows the Lord, Jesus Christ, so will I obey and follow him. I am committed also to praying and assisting my Apostle and never murmuring or complaining about the vision, position, or authority that You have placed in position.

In 2022, I commit my heart, mind, and body to You Lord in all that I do. Have your way in my life; rule and reign as you see fit. You lead and I will follow.

IN JESUS NAME I PRAY, AMEN

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