

# CHRISTIAN MONEY \$ENSE

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## A Hymn of Stewardship

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The hymns in our books contain wonderful praise to our great God. Through these songs, we can sing about God's faithfulness, His protection, and His amazing grace. In these, we can also sing of His provision in our lives and our reasonable response to His care. The Bible calls us to lives of stewardship, and some of our hymns echo this call. Consider some of these verses from hymns that many of us know.

O to Be Like Thee!  
O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer,  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Take My Life and Let It Be  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
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Come, All Christians, Be Committed  
Of your time and talents give ye,  
They are gifts from God above,  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim His wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior,  
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.  
In your work with Him find favor,  
And with joy His praises sing.

Our nation recently experienced frightening terrorist attacks. The political turmoil and the loss of life will have rippling effects that we cannot even begin to estimate. As I watched the news, my thoughts centered on families. How many people went to work that day not realizing it would be their last? Life is briefer than any of us want or realize.

We are called to be recipients of God's grace (Acts 16:31). We are also called to be stewards of God's goods (Rom. 14:10-12). We rightly believe that how we spend our money makes a difference on our earthly savings. But how we spend our money can also make eternal differences. God gives us everything we have. He wants us to give back to him in worship.

As these hymns state, live your life with an open hand. Your giving can make an eternal difference.

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