

Capture the Prize TOGETHER

Stretching & Charting the Course

Week 1 October 4-10

Smart runners know the necessity of stretching those muscles which are about to be tested in strength and endurance. As you consider, pray, and set your personal goal to **Capture the Prize TOGETHER**, here are exercises from God's Word which may help you stretch your imagination, challenge perceptions and increase your understanding of God's expectation of how stewardship is to be practiced.



Question: What *should* motivate you to support Capture the Prize TOGETHER?

Take a day to reflect and consider your present attitude: Why do we do the things we do? Why do we buy the things we buy? Why do we place more value on some things and less value on others? What motivates us? Is it fear, pressure, a sense of duty? To what degree is it a loving response to all God has done for us?

Through the week reflect on these scriptures

1 Kings 5:5 Solomon said, "I am planning to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD my God, just as he had instructed my father, David. For the LORD told him, 'Your son, whom I will place on your throne, will build the Temple to honor my name.'

Mark 8:2-3 Jesus said to His disciples, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance."

Romans 13:7-8 Paul's teaching to the early Christians in Rome, "Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

II Corinthians 8:11-12 Paul writing to the church in Corinth, "Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

Now, how do you answer the question of what should motivate you? Has any "stretching" occurred? Has God spoken to you through His Word?