



Sermon Outline
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From Gain to Gap

Genesis 3:1-11

Why do a stewardship series every year?

1. To provide an annual stewardship _____.
2. To encourage those who aren't yet giving to begin.
3. To encourage those who are giving but not tithing to begin.
4. To encourage those who are tithing to give _____.

* **Everyone tends to view life from one of two perspectives: the _____ or the _____.**

Gain thinking – Focuses on what you _____, transforming progress into blessing.

Gap thinking – Fixates on what you _____, often converting wants into needs.

** Gap thinking fosters envy and generates greed.*

* **The very _____ leap from gain to gap.**

** The first two humans demonstrated how quickly you can transition from undeserved gain to unsatisfied gap.*

* **What was Adam and Eve's gain?**

1. A completely _____ world to live in.

** No sin, no strife, no sickness or disease, meaningful work that didn't feel like work. Not one weed in sight.*

2. A close, _____ relationship with the Creator.

Vs. 8a - Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day...

* **What became Adam and Eve's gap?**

Genesis 3:6a - When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom...

1. **One tree, _____ from their dining experience.**
2. **Fruit from that tree, which provided a level of _____ not currently available.**

* **Satan's plan is to _____ you in the gap.**

John 10:10 - The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

* **Biblical Stewardship keeps you in the gain.**

1. It acknowledges God as the _____ of all things.

1 Timothy 6:17 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

2. It encourages you to appropriately _____ between wants and needs.

1 Timothy 6:8 - But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Philippians 3:7-8 - But whatever were **gains** to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may **gain** Christ.

* **Important Stewardship Questions:**

1. *Do your finances demonstrate _____?*
2. *Where have you allowed a want to become a need?*
3. *What's the _____ stewardship step you need to take?*