



“The Essence of Stewardship”

1 Corinthians 4:2

GOD OWNS IT ALL, Sermon 17

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Definition of the Word

Consistency

- The condition of holding together; firmness, thickness;
- agreement, harmony; logical connection

(Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd ed., p.303)



A Third Definition:

“holding always to the
same principles and
practice”

(Ibid.)



That thing most to be desired is

CONSISTENCY!



Disease or **Deformity**


The word that describes any inconsistency in the function of any body part



The word **ESSENCE** means:


- To exist; that which makes something what it is; the most important quality of something; the flavor or fragrance; the inward nature of a thing; the indispensable conceptual characteristic of something.”

(Ibid., p. 478)




When God created the
earth, He hung it on
the nail of
consistency.

See Genesis 1:1–25




**God then called upon
mankind to assist this
planet by keeping it
consistent.**

See Genesis 1:28; 2:15




After the disruption brought on the earth by sin and God's judgment by sending a world-wide flood, God did not opt for continued biospheric and atmospheric uncertainty, but proclaimed consistency.

See Genesis 8:22




“I am the Lord, I change
not, therefore ye sons of
Jacob are not consumed.”

• Malachi 3:6



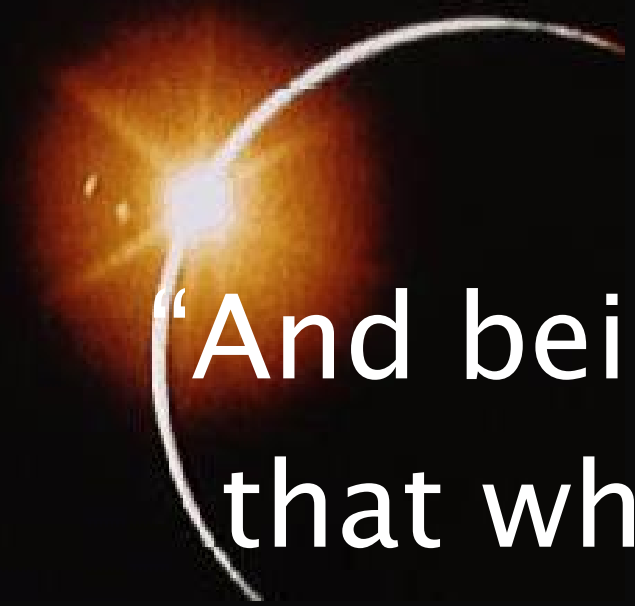
“Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.”

• 1 Kings 8:56



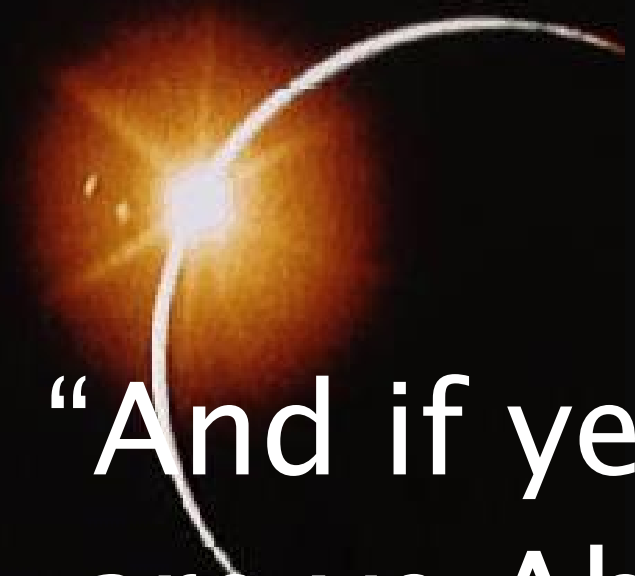
“For he
remembered his
promise...”

• Psalm 105:42




“And being fully persuaded,
that what he had
promised, he was able
also to perform.”

• Romans 4:21

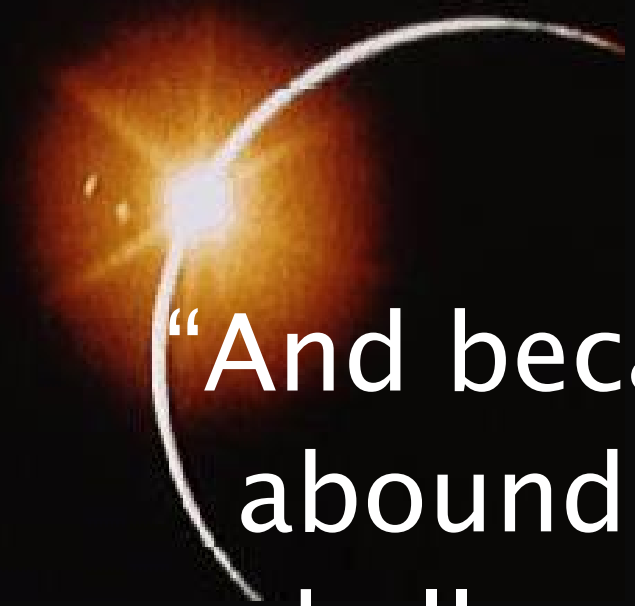


“And if ye be Christ’s, then
are ye Abraham’s seed
and heir according to the
promise.”



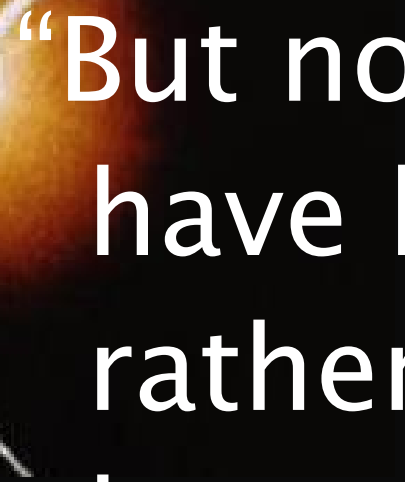
“...No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

• Luke 9:62




“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.”

• Matthew 24:12,13

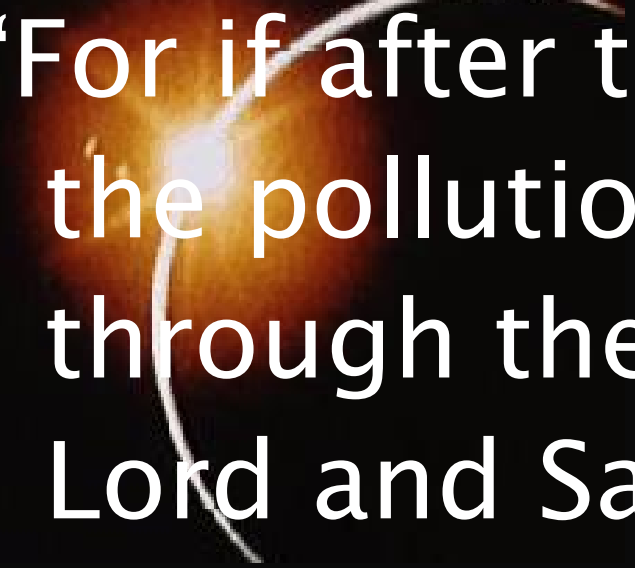


“But now, after that ye
have known God, or
rather are known of God,
how turn ye again to the
weak and beggardly
elements...?”

• Galatians 4:9

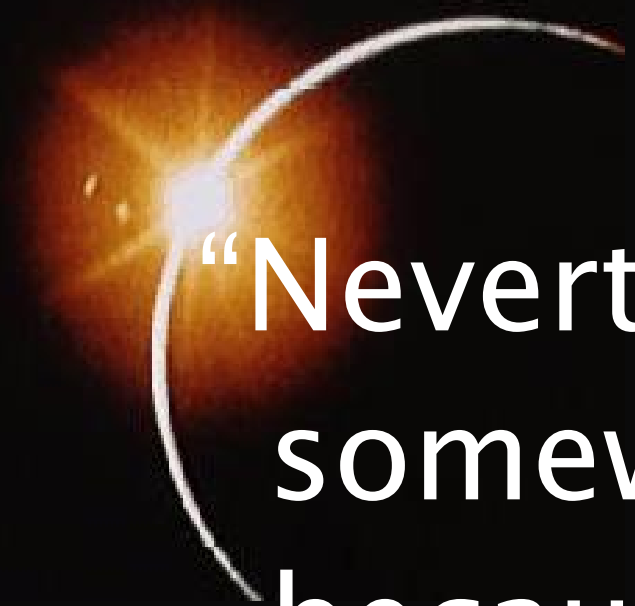


Now the just live by faith
(faithfulness, consistency):
but if any man draw back,
my soul shall have no
pleasure in him.”



“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of this world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the first.”

• 2 Peter 2:20



“Nevertheless I have
somewhat against thee,
because thou has lost
thy first love...”

Revelation 2:4



The Essence of
Stewardship is
Consistency.