# <u>Day 1</u> – Co-Workers with God

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:9, 10.

"Divine wisdom has appointed, in the plan of salvation, the law of action and reaction, making the work of beneficence, in all its branches, twice blessed. He who gives to the needy blesses others, and is blessed himself in a still greater degree."

Counsels on Stewardship, 13.

## <u>Day 2</u> – The Glory of the Gospel

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Proverbs 11:24, 25.

"That man might not lose the blessed results of benevolence, our Redeemer formed the plan of enlisting him as His coworker. God could have reached His object in saving sinners without the aid of man; but He knew that man could not be happy without acting a part in the great work." Counsels on Stewardship, 13.

## <u>Day 3</u> – The Means of Cultivating Benevolence

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." Isaiah 32:8.

"By a chain of circumstances which would call forth his charities, He bestows upon man the best means of cultivating benevolence, and keeps him habitually giving to help the poor and to advance His cause."

Counsels on Stewardship, 13.

#### <u>Day 4</u> – The LORD Does Not Need our Offerings

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts." Haggai 2:8.

"The Lord does not need our offerings. We cannot enrich Him by our gifts. Says the psalmist: "All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Yet God permits us to show our appreciation of His mercies by self-sacrificing efforts to extend the same to others. This is the only way in which it is possible for us to manifest our gratitude and love to God. He has provided no other." Counsels on Stewardship, 13.

## <u>Day 5</u> – In Bestowing we Bless Others

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

"And as we heed these calls, by labor and by acts of benevolence, we are assimilated to the image of Him who for our sakes became poor. In bestowing, we bless others, and thus accumulate true riches." Counsels on Stewardship, 13.

## <u>Day 6</u> – Constant Manifestation of Benevolence

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"It is the glory of the gospel that it is founded upon the principle of restoring in the fallen race the divine image by a constant manifestation of benevolence. This work began in the heavenly courts. There God gave to human beings an unmistakable evidence of the love with which He regarded them. "He gave His only-begotten Son." John 3:16." Counsels on Stewardship, 14.

## <u>Day 7</u> – Spirit of Liberality – Spirit of Heaven

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." 1 Chronicles 16:29.

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. Christ's selfsacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. That man might be saved, He gave all that He had, and then gave Himself. The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of every follower of the blessed Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give."

Counsels on Stewardship, 14.

## <u>Day 8</u> – Giving – Fruit of Christian Life

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38.

"The principle of giving , carried out in actual benevolence and good works, is the true fruit of the Christian life. The principle of worldlings is to get, get, and thus they expect to secure happiness; but, carried out in all its bearings, the fruit is misery and death."

Counsels on Stewardship, 14.