

**Study and Application Sheet**  
**Sept. 5, 2010**  
*Stewardship of All*

**Scripture Focus:** Deuteronomy 14:1-29

**Memory Verse:** Deut. 14:2, "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." NKJV

**TDM Core Competency Emphasis: Live Biblically:** Understand and apply biblical principles to all areas of life.

**Key Biblical Truth:** God is to be honored in every detail of life through the stewardship of all that has been entrusted to us.

**Study Questions:**

**Monday:** In verses 1-2, what is the underlying reason for the children of God to not shave the front of their heads or cut themselves? **They are called to be holy to the Lord and they are His people**

**Tuesday:** Is verse 2 who was chosen to be "a people for himself," an individual or a group? **A group, the nation of Israel.**

**Wednesday:** Understanding that verse 2 clearly points to the fact that God loves and wants the best for his children, what would be the reason for God to restrict the diet of His people as He does in verses 3-21? **These dietary restrictions would be best for them and these dietary restrictions would set them apart from the other people around them.**

**Thursday:** In verse 25, the tithe of money was a secondary concession for the people who were too far away from what would become known as the temple, what did God originally want from the people? **A tithe of their grain, new wine and oil and livestock.**

**Friday:** What does such a tithe, as is revealed in verse 23, and the caring of the foreigners, widows, Levites and orphans reveal the true idea behind stewardship to be? **The true idea behind stewardship is an act of worship (verse 23 "that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always,").**

**Application Questions:**

1. If everyone knew what kind of stewardship you practiced in your life, what would they assume you worship?

# MOTIVES

## Proverbs 16:1-2

The plans of the heart belong to man,  
But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.  
All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,  
But the LORD weighs the motives.

## 1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

## Phil 1:15-18

Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

## James 2:1-5

My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with *an attitude of* personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

## James 4:1-4

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?

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2. In these verses holiness is intimately connected to worship. If someone could only see your life, would they be able to tell that you were different? Would they be able to tell that you worshipped God? If not, why not?