

# “STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS SENTENCES”

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*Series A*

JULY 6

**PROPER 9**

**MATTHEW 11:28** *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose – His light yoke which is no burden to bear, but a joy!

**Witness:**

When it comes to sharing Christ with others, what are we afraid of? Is anything too hard for the Lord?

JULY 13

**PROPER 10**

**Romans 8:12** *“So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.”*

We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies: we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ’s kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord’s plans and purposes – and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

**Witness:**

The Samaritan showed his love for God by loving his neighbors. Do we do likewise?

JULY 20

**PROPER 11**

**Romans 8:18** *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”* It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel – if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

**Witness:**

God hears and answers all our prayers – especially for others to come to know His Son!

JULY 27

**PROPER 12**

**Matthew 13:45-46** *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearly of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*

Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is foundation for our own generosity: imitating the outsized generosity of Jesus.

**Witness:**

God’s children bear His Word in their hearts and on their lips!