**BELIEVE – Week 9 – STEWARDSHIP**

***Answering The Call …*** Shane Gage

**INTRO SECTION: *Believe + Stewardship + Calling*** *(a long intro…)*

* Believe
* Stewardship
* Key Verse: **[** **slide ]**
  + Psalm 24:1-2
* Key Idea: **[** **slide ]**
  + I believe everything I am and everything I own belongs to God
* Key Question: **[** **slide ]**
  + “What is God’s Call On My Life?”

Matthew 5:14-16 **[** **slide ]**

(( Clues To Your Calling: ))

* We all have a **story** **[** **slide (build or separate slides) ]**
* We all have a **struggle**
* We all have a **passion**
* We all have **gifts** & **abilities**

**STORY OF MISSION TEAM’S CALLING TO UGANDA**

Next week: Missions Sunday **[** Missions Sunday **slide ]**

STORY: Ugandans giving $$ in 2008 (Hurricane Ike) **[** **slide: $21.96 ]**

2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 7 **[** **slide ]**

Stewardship / Taking Inventory . . .

**1) Everything I Am and Everything I Own Belongs To God** **[** **slide ]**

Time | Talent | Testimony | Treasures **[** **slide ]**

Your **generous spirit** matters **[** all on **1** **slide ]**

Your **help to those in need** matters

Your **church offering** matters

A word on giving: ordinary giving & extraordinary giving …

Good stewardship as a witness to the world and example to our children …

(Wise stewardship vs thoughtless consumerism)

**[** **slide ] Everything I am and everything I own belongs to God.** *(Say together…)*

**2) Don’t Allow Your STUFF To Own YOU** **[** **slide ]**

Veggie Tales – Madame Blueberry

**[** **slide: Veggie Tales Photo ]**

**[** **slide: Madame Blueberry Photo ]**

**[** **VIDEO** **CLIP – Thankfulness Song - 45 seconds ]**

What money & stuff CAN’T do …

Ecclesiastes 5:10 **[** **slide ]**

Matthew 6:19-21 **[** **slide ]**

Escaping The Trap Of More Stuff **[** all on **1** **slide ]**

1) Don’t covet what you don’t need

2) Be thankful for what you do have

3) Put it to good, Godly use

4) Give it away

***French Fry Story . . .*** **[** **slide: McDonalds Arches ] [** **slide: French Fries ]**

**CLOSING –** It’s All God’s / Gospel Tie-In / Prayer