

Genesis 2

7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the

sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. . . . 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to till it and keep** (*shamar*) **it**. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Genesis 28

15 Know that I am with you and will keep **(shamar)** you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

John 3

16 "For God so loved the world (*kosmos*) that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

James 4:17

17 Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

(attributed to John Wesley)

Good stewardship of our environment

1.	God made the world and He it.
2.	Adam and Eve were put in the garden to and
	(<i>shamar</i>) it.
3.	When we abuse the resources we are given,
	we sin against God.
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