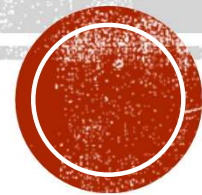


KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP 2.0

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STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES (TIME & \$)

- Principle of sowing and reaping
- Direct connection between what we sow and reap with our time & finances
- Principle of sacrifice
- Direction connection between sacrifice and transformation



WHAT IS MINISTRY?

- Diakonia – service, those who by the command of God proclaim and promote religion among men



- **But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4**
- **Ministry of God's Word — when we share God's Word with others, ministry is occurring**



- **And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, Acts 12:25**
- **Ministry of mission**
- **Assignment is our home, at church, at work, in our neighborhood, our community**



- **But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with job, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.**

Acts 20:24

- **Ministry is given by Jesus**
- **Ministry is out of obedience and followership of Jesus**



- **When he had greeted them, he (Paul) told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. Acts 21:19**
- **“his ministry” – “detail those things which God had done”**
- **Connected to the testimony of Jesus, pointing to Jesus**



STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY

- Ministry of the Word (**Acts 6:4**)
- Ministry of mission - we all have an assignment (**Acts 12:25**)
- Ministry is received from Jesus (**Acts 20:24**)
- God's ministry through us (**Acts 21:19**)



ACTS 20:17-19

¹⁷ From Miletus (Mi lee tus) he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;



ACTS 20:20-21

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.



PAUL'S MINISTRY

- **“¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials.”**
- **Humility**
- **Perseverance**



PAUL'S MINISTRY

- **taught (you) publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **Openly and willingly**
- **No respecter of persons**
- **John 3:16 — God's love**



**Stewarding ministry
needs to
come from place of humility,
perseverance, and God's love.**



ACTS 20:22-24

²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.



PAUL'S MINISTRY

- **“I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem” “not knowing the things that will happen to me there.”**
- **Following the Holy Spirit**
- **Leaving what we know and stepping into what we DO NOT know**



**Stewarding ministry
requires allowing the Holy Spirit
to lead us from the known to the unknown.**



ACTS 20:25-27

²⁵ “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.



ACTS 20:28

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God^[c] which He purchased with His own blood.



PAUL'S MINISTRY

- **take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**
- **The people we serve, first bought with the price of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**



**Stewarding ministry
calls for us to recognize the value
of God's humanity over everything else**



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- Humility, perseverance, love
- Holy Spirit to lead us from the known to the unknown
- Value of God's humanity over everything else

