

The Kingdom of God

God's people, in God's place under God's rule and blessing.

-Vaughan Roberts

A steward is a person who has been entrusted with, and who manages another's resources, according to the vision and values of the owner.



I Peter 4:10-11

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Matthew 25:14-30

For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.

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21 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more. 23 His master said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.

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26 But his master answered him, You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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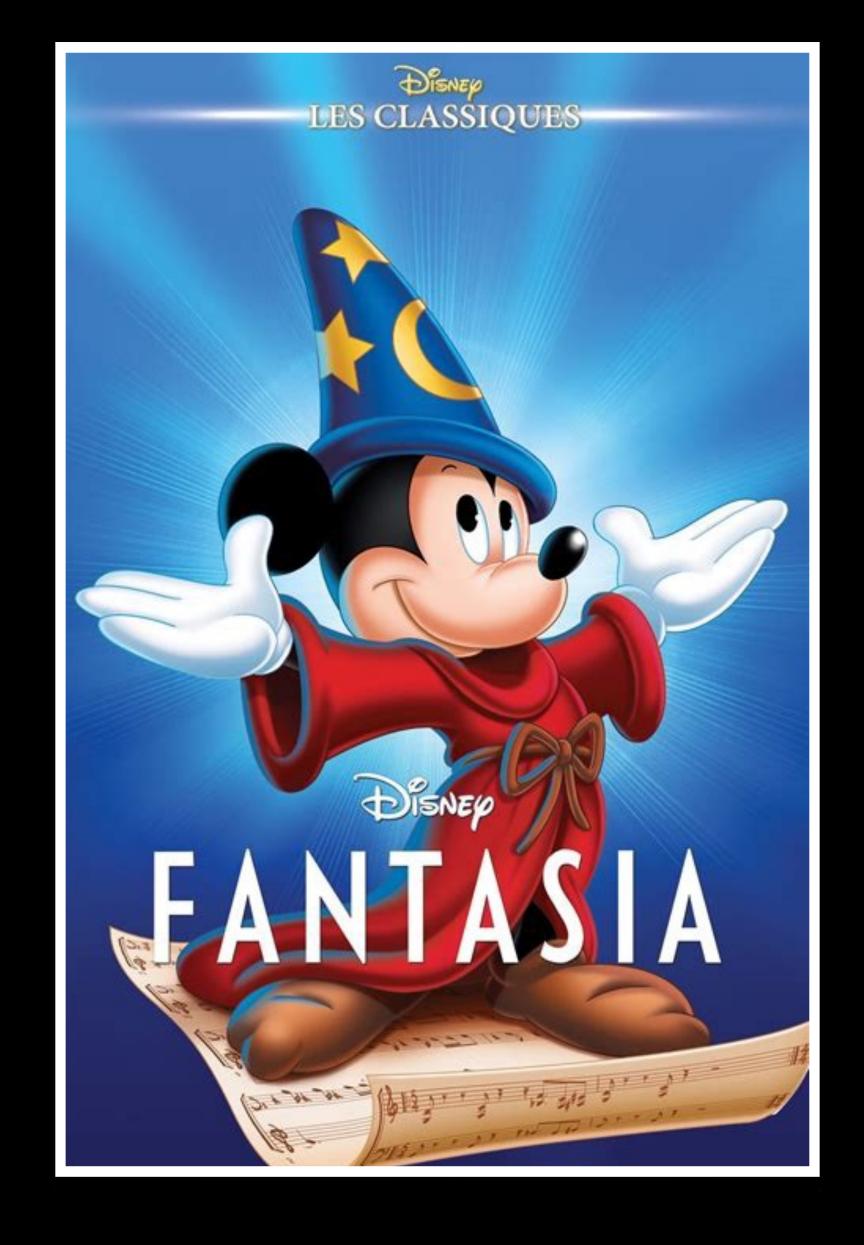
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Greek word oikonomos, (oy-kon-om'-os) English - economics and economy come from the

oikos - "house" nomos - "law."

"house - law"

The management of a house or of household affairs.



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I. Using our Talents

Principle: Not equal abilities, but equal Faithfulness

We are not all created with equal abilities, skill or even opportunities, but we are called to equal faithfulness.

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When we you attempt to follow what God has entrusted to you it is not always easy. That's why it is so important to stay faithful and let God take care of the success.

Tim Butler

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Principle: A Steward has integrity

There needs to be accountability and integrity matters

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"Integrity establishes the ground rules for resolving these tensions. It determines who we are and how we will respond before the conflict even appears."

John Maxwell

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Principle: Your service may not be public and your reward may not be public.

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You know, Lord, how I serve You With great emotional fervor In the limelight. You know how eagerly I speak for You At a women's club. You know how I effervesce when I promote A fellowship group. You know my genuine enthusiasm At a Bible study. But how would I react, I wonder If You pointed to a basin of water And asked me to wash the calloused feet Of a bent and wrinkled old woman Day after day Month after month In a room where nobody saw And nobody knew.

Ruth Harms Calkin

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