

"Stewards: Work, Time, Money" (Part 2)
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steward: manage or look after another's property

"Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves."

Why we know we are to be stewards:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

6 Scriptures on Stewardship:

Matthew 25:29 (ESV)

"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."

-Parable of the Talents; a "parable" is an earthly story that teaches a heavenly concept.

-Point of the Parable: Jesus expects us to use what we've been given, including our earthly wealth, for His Kingdom purposes! After all, He is the Master and we are the Steward's, not the other way around, and what we have will be taken away and given to others who WILL be faithful if we are not.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT)

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

-Spiritual Gifts (we have all received them in Christ; what are yours?!)

-They're not for US, they're for the purposes of the CHURCH; to serve one another.

-If we don't use them, we'll lose them! Are we being good stewards of what God has entrusted us with?

1 Timothy 1:3-5 (ESV)

"As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the STEWARDSHIP from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

-What myths or speculations have we found ourselves dabbling in, even promoting? We should get back to the basics and charge all with LOVE that comes out of a:

1. Pure Heart
2. Good Conscience
3. Sincere Faith

Ephesians 3:1-3 (ESV)

"For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the STEWARDSHIP of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly."

-What is "the stewardship of God's grace Paul is referring to?" It is the revelation of The Gospel itself and God holds Paul responsible for that. Similarly, God will hold us responsible for the revelation we have received from

Him and what we've done with the knowledge of His amazing grace.

Luke 16:11 (ESV)

“If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?”

-To those who are given much, much is required.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (ESV)

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

-Cause vs. Effect

-God doesn't NEED our money; He WANTS our hearts