



Be Faithful:

Treasure

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Summary:

Everything created was created by God. Every created thing is designed and destined to give glory to God. Everyone has received good and perfect gifts from God. What you do with the gifts you have received is **stewardship**. You are the proud owner of treasure, talent, time and testimony. How you use these God given gifts reflects your relationship with God and obedience to His ownership of all that you have received. Everyone will give an account to God of what they have done with the gifts they have received. As the new year dawns, let 2023 be a year long exercise in faithful stewardship of all you have! Steward in such a way that the Lord will say to you, "Well Done!"

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

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.'

Matthew 25:21

Be Found Faithful with the gifts you have received of **Treasure, Talent, Time & Testimony**.

Be Faithful in 2023 exercising **biblically-competent stewardship**.

- **Matthew 25:21-30**

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1 Corinthians 4:1

One sure measure of faithfulness is your stewardship of what you have been given.

Are you being a faithful steward of all that you have been given?

Stewardship: Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. *Holman Bible Dictionary page 1303*

Stewardship is the “use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals.” Ron Blue, *Master Your Money*

“When the possessor of heaven and earth brought you into being and placed you in this world, He placed you here not as owner but as a steward.” John Wesley

A steward manages what belongs to another.

“One-sixth of the Gospels, and one-third of parables address the subject of stewardship.” Charles Swindoll (Swindoll *Ultimate Book of Illustrations and Quotes*. Page 231)

God commends and rewards faithful stewards.

May you **be found faithful** in 2023!

Life Application Questions

1. What is Faithful Stewardship?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-5. Discuss what is required to be found faithful.
3. Which gifting has your best stewardship effort; Treasure, Talent, Time or Testimony?
4. What portion of your treasure do you give to the glory of God?
5. What portion of your treasure do you give to the needs of others?
6. What portion of your treasure do you keep for yourself?
7. What steps will you take in the coming days to be found faithful stewarding the treasure you have been given in 2023?
8. How might you inspire other believers to become faithful stewards?