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Part 6: Developing a Stewardship  
Perspective



# What is a steward?

Someone entrusted with caring for something that belongs to another

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# Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> He also said to the disciples, “There was a *rich man who had a manager*, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

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# Luke 16:1-13

<sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

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# Luke 16:1-13

<sup>8</sup> The master commended the *dishonest manager for his shrewdness*. For the *sons of this world* are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And *I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings*.

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# Luke 16:1-13

<sup>10</sup> "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> *If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?* <sup>12</sup> *And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?* <sup>13</sup> *No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

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Consider the Master's Interest

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# Consider the Master's Interest

- Understand what belongs to whom

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# Consider the Master's Interest

- Understand what belongs to whom
- Understand what's been entrusted to you

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# Prepare to Give an Account

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# Luke 16:2

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# Prepare to Give an Account

- Realize there's always an accounting to the Master

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# Prepare to Give an Account

- Realize there's always an accounting to the Master
- Know what the Master is looking for

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Invest in the Future Today

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# Luke 16:3-9

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# Invest in the Future Today

- Seize the time you've been given

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# Invest in the Future Today

- Seize the time you've been given
- The only thing eternal is relationship

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Remember the Law of Faithfulness

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# Luke 16:10-13

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- Trustworthiness is proven in the little things
- Every steward is required to give an account

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# 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup> This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

<sup>2</sup> Moreover, ***it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.*** <sup>3</sup> But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

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# 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

<sup>4</sup> For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before *the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.* Then *each one will receive his commendation from God.*

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Based on the little things, how much can  
God entrust to you?

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