

# Your Stewardship

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Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for **all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine;** thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 1 Ch 29:11.

The LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden **to dress it and to keep it.** Gen 2:15

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**Talents:** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us. Rom 12:6

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What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed **the oracles of God.** Rm 3:1-2.

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They bore witness not only to the things they heard and saw, but, additionally, to the instruction which they received **through the holy Spirit**; thus **they were faithful stewards**.

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It is required [as essential and demanded] of stewards that one be found faithful and trustworthy. 1 Cor 4:2. AMP

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Faithfulness' motivation comes **from love.**

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Mat 6:33, Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ISV

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**This secret is "Christ in you, the hope of glory."** Col 1:27.

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“All those who shall believe on me through their word.” Jn 17:20

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"What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" 1 Cor 4:7

By revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: These mysteries were withheld from the old testament prophets and the Ancient Worthies, though they were desirous to know these things. Eph 3:5-6.

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I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Dan 12:8-9.

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Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Jesus affirms our privilege in participating in this Sacred Trust.  
Mat 13:16-17.

“Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful”; and the parables under consideration show what is considered as faithfulness to our stewardship. **To merely receive the gifts of God is not faithfulness**, tho many seem to think so. Many indeed seem to think they have done God a great favor in merely accepting his grace through Christ, and are satisfied to make no further efforts. But such make a great mistake; for **faithfulness, consists in a proper and diligent use of our gifts in harmony with the divine purpose and methods.** R1972.

Every child of God is a steward – a steward of his own talents, opportunities, privileges, abilities in the Lord's service; and each one is to recognize that his responsibilities as a steward in these respects is toward the Master who gave him the talents, and who will require at his hands an account thereof – an increase by reason of proper use. R2694:1.

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This wouldn't be the "outer darkness" mentioned in the parable because the flames of fire in hell would surely make the place light. R2766:1.

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

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Each disciple is to seek to know truthfully just what talents of natural ability and opportunity the Master has committed to his care, and to seek to use everyone of these as fully, as thoroughly and as constantly as possible, so that the results may be much fruit, much praise, much service, much honor to the Lord.  
R2764.

We are not to compare our stewardship with another. Let us beware of a disposition to covetousness, and let each remember that he is steward over his own goods, and not over his neighbor's, and that each is accountable to the Lord, and not to his brother, for the right use of that which the Master entrusted to him. R1534.

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**Stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God.** 1 Pet 4:10.

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**I have become a servant** of this gospel according to **the gift of God's grace** that was given me by the working of his power.

To me, the very least of all the saints, this grace was given so that I might proclaim to the gentiles the immeasurable wealth of the Messiah

and help everyone see how **this secret** that has been at work was hidden for ages by God, who created all things. Eph 3:7-9.

As good **servant managers of God's grace** in its various forms,  
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And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Lk 16:1-2

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"So, then, every one of us shall give an account of himself before God." Rom 14:12.

'**Well done**, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.' Mat 25:21.

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**Nehemiah** - He stewarding resources and leadership to rebuild Jerusalem's walls despite opposition.  
Neh 2

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**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** - Faithfully stewarded their testimony by refusing to compromise worship, even under threat of death Dan 3.

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**King Josiah** - Upon discovering the Book of the Law, he became a faithful steward of national repentance. He aggressively reformed Judah, removing idols and restoring proper worship, stewarding the spiritual health of the entire nation. 2 Kings 22-23

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**Job** - After losing everything, Job’s stewardship was reflected in his unwavering integrity: “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.” He faithfully stewarded his testimony through unimaginable suffering. Job 42.

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**The Poor Widow** - Jesus highlighted her as a superior steward of her finances. Though she gave two small coins, she gave all she had, demonstrating complete trust in God's provision. Mk 12:41-44.

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Being faithful to the "Master" and to "his fellow-servants" and "the household." F613.

As a follower of the Lord here today  
I am required to be a faithful steward each day,  
My stewardship is day by day a valid test  
of my service for the Lord as in Him I now rest.  
God tests my fitness for the blessings I believe  
discerning how I handle the little things I  
receive,  
Being faithful in little, I will be trusted with more  
in His glorious blessings like an eagle I will soar.  
If I'm faithful in my service I will find  
His loving presence in me blessing me so  
sublime,  
If I prove here now to be unfaithful I know  
I will be miserable and defeated here below.

Lord make my service a precious treasure  
help me treat my stewardship with special measure,  
With fully committed heart I serve You day by day  
I long to faithfully serve You along life's pathway.

A faithful steward of Jesus help me be  
loyally serving You; guided on to victory,  
O Lord Jesus I serve You with my heart of love  
pour out Your rich blessings on me from heaven above.

Lord I cannot serve You and evil today  
I want to faithfully serve You along life's pathway,  
A faithful steward Lord Jesus make me I pray  
faithful stewardship is my life's real mission today.