

# ***How To Be A Good Steward / Servant***

**As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. - 1 Peter 4:10**

## **i. Defining Stewardship**

- 1) The definition of Steward is: One who manages ***another's*** property, finances, or other affairs.
- 2) And The Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise \_\_\_\_\_, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? - Luke 12:42.
- 3) The words Steward or Stewardship only appear in the NKJV of the Bible 21 times, but the Bible says a great deal about Stewardship because this concept touches every area of our lives. Steward or Stewardship do not appear in the NLT translation. The words Manager or Servant are used instead. We all manage our lives on a daily basis. Our time, money, job, household, etc..., but Christian Stewardship requires a fundamental commitment to present ourselves completely to God as his servants, with no reservations. God owns it ***ALL*** and a good Steward will take scrupulous care of that which is entrusted to him.
- 4) The earth is the \_\_\_\_\_, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. – Psalm 24:1.
- 5) For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive. Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it. – 1 Corinthians 4:7

## **ii. What are we Stewards over?**

### **1) Home & Family**

#### **a) Having a Godly home – it's His house.**

- i) But as for me and my \_\_\_\_\_ we will serve the \_\_\_\_\_. Joshua 24:15
- ii) But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8

- iii) Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

**b) What comes into His house?**

- i) When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it, My house, and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations. Ezekiel 44:7

**c) Prayer and Devotion.**

- i) Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to \_\_\_\_\_, and continued all night in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Luke 6:12
- ii) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

**d) Fellowship.**

- i) And have no \_\_\_\_\_ with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:11
- ii) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.  
1 John 1:7

**e) Discipline.**

- i) Blessed is the man who endures \_\_\_\_\_; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12

**f) Finances**

- i) Budget – Living within your means.
  - a. The rich rules over the poor, And the \_\_\_\_\_ is servant to the lender. Proverbs 22:7
  - b. Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.  
1 Timothy 6:6-7

- c. No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

**g) Tithing.**

- i) Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the \_\_\_\_\_ of all your increase. Proverbs 3:9
- ii) Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38
- iii) Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood. Mark 12:42-44
- iv) So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

**h) Career/Job**

- i) **Are you working for God?**
  - a. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not to \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

**i) Trustworthy.**

- i) He who is faithful in what is \_\_\_\_\_ is faithful also in \_\_\_\_\_; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Luke 16:10

**j) Strong Witness.**

- i) Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1

**k) Stand apart.**

- i) Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Corinthians 4:2

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- ii) In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Titus 2:7-8

### I) Health and Welfare

- i) Taking care of this temple.
  - a. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.  
1 Corinthians 9:27
- ii) Alcohol & Drugs.
  - a. Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 20:1
  - b. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 1 Corinthians 8:9
- iii) Taking care of others.
  - a. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, It is more blessed to \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 20:35

## iii. Stewardship – Broad Scope

### 1) Ownership:

- a) Stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. It's 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.
- b) The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. – Psalm 24:1.
- c) So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them. Acts 4:24

**2) Responsibility:**

- a) As God's stewards we are called to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with care and enjoyment of everything He owns, we are required to manage His holdings well and according to His desires and purposes.
- b) But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. Exodus 9:16

**3) Accountability:**

- a) We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what God has given us. We are not allowed to rule over God's creation as we see fit. We're under the watchful eye of the Creator managing His creation in accord with the principles he has established.
- b) So he called him and said to him, What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward. Luke 16:2

**4) Reward:**

- a) In the parables of the Kingdom, the Bible show us that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next life.
- b) So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them. His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.  
Matthew 25:20-2

**iv. Why Do We Stumble?**

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