

FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-4-26: Giving to God - Life of Stewardship



Stewardship: (Greek 3622 – *Luke 16:2*): oikonomia oy-kon-om-ee'-ah from 3623; **administration** (of a household or estate); specially, a (religious) "economy":--dispensation, **stewardship**.

A person that gives their life to God through the ministry is in continual service to Him. To make God's ministry a blessing to all, God gives each person abilities and a certain anointing. Stewardship is the administration of the gifts, abilities and resources that God gives to His people for the ministry of the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Every person is accountable to God for the abilities and resources that He has given to them. To those that He has given more, He expects the more from them.

Luke 12:42-48 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them* their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. 47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

God expects and rewards each person for their faithfulness regarding the things that He has given them.

Matthew 10:1, 5-8 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

God's gifts, abilities and anointing are freely given to His people; they did nothing to deserve them. Therefore there is no boasting or preferential treatment for those that have His gifts in their life. Those that have these are the more accountable to Him for using them correctly and according to His will.

Matthew 25:14-21 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents. 17 And likewise he that *had received* two, he also



gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Romans 12:4-13 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Living with a life of stewardship is one of a giving life of submission to God. It is a observation of accountability for all the things God has given to a person (family). A spiritual person will always seek an opportunity to minister the Gospel (Parable of the Seed Sower). The more God gives a person in abilities to minister, the more spiritual fruit God expects from them.

This life-giving is much more than monetary value, it is of all a person has. No person is held accountable by God for the things they do not have. Likewise, more is expected from an Elder in Christ than from a new Christian. However, God expects 100 percent stewardship of what a person does know and have. Everyone in Christ should live a life of stewardship. It is a life of giving to God.



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Question 1

As described in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, a good steward will possess these qualities:

- They are ministers of Christ.
- They are faithful to God.
- They do not use their resources and abilities for the Gospel.
- They are accountable for the mysteries of God.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in Luke 12:42-48, if a person is a faithful and wise steward, they will:

- Be ready for the Lord's return.
- Have much required where much was given.
- Be ruler over his household.
- Store up treasures on the earth.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in Matthew 25:14-21, we will be graciously rewarded for hiding our talents.

- True
- False

True/False

Question 4

As described in Romans 12:4-12, a faithful member of the body of Christ will:

- Be slothful in business.
- Rejoice in hope.
- Be patient in tribulation.
- Be instant in prayer.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in Romans 14:12, every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- True
- False

True/False



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