



# Being a faithful Steward

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**1Corinthians 4:2**

# Biblical stewardship...

Biblical stewardship connotes to hold another's possession, to manage a household, to properly use resources and to be effective ministers of the Gospel. It reminds us that we are not owners of all that we have. We will one day account for them hence we must be responsible, faithful and humble.

## Over creation

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **Gen2:15**

## Over time

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. **Eph5:15-16**

## Over resources

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce. **Prov3:9**

## Over relationships

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.. **Rom13:8**

## Over the gospel

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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. 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.’ 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. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 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.’ 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. 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. “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. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 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.”

# The Parable of the Dishonest Manager – Luke 16:1-13

1. All believers are stewards of God's gifts and we will be held accountable for how we use and manage them. **(Luke 16:1)**
2. We are to be wise and discerning in our dealings, particularly concerning things of eternal weight. **(Luke 16:8)**
3. Material resources should be used to further God's kingdom and build relationships that have eternal significance. **(Luke 16:9)**
4. It is important to show integrity and trustworthiness in all aspects of life. **(Luke 16:10)**
5. It is impossible to serve both God and the pursuit of wealth. Let us prioritize our devotion to God above all else. **(Luke 16:13)**

# Being a faithful steward...

## Over creation

Let us take care of the environment, starting from our rooms and homes.

## Over time

Let us be intentional not to waste time. We must make time for God.

## Over resources

We must use our resources wisely and not forget to support the church.

## Over relationships

Let us be wise and show love in our dealings with others. Let us not take people for granted.

## Over the gospel

As Christians we must not be ashamed of the gospel. Defend and preach the gospel of Christ.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... **Romans 14:10-12**

# Being a faithful steward...

To Christ belongs glory and dominion for ever and ever. We receive the graces from God, use them in the way that he instructs us for the purposes of returning to him the glory and praise that is due to his name. So Christ is both the beginning of our stewardship since he supplies our needs and the end of our stewardship since we use his resources to show who he is.

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