



Stewardship of God's Grace

"THIS IS HOW ONE SHOULD REGARD US, AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST AND STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD. MOREOVER, IT IS REQUIRED OF STEWARDS THAT THEY BE FOUND FAITHFUL."

(1 COR. 4:1 – 2)

Stewardship

- The conducting, supervising, or managing of something; *especially* : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care <*stewardship of natural resources*>
- *Union Steward, Principal, Coach, Parent.*



Steward

- Luke 12:42 “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants,”
 - “steward” (Gk. *oikonomos*) a *house distributor* (that is, *manager*), or *overseer*, that is, an employee in that capacity; by extension a *fiscal agent* (*treasurer*); figuratively a *preacher* (of the Gospel): - chamberlain, governor, steward.

Talent

Matthew 25:14 - 18



An Enormous Stewardship

- Talent
 - represented a huge sum of money, (gold or silver)
 - 26 – 31 Kilos per one talent
 - 1 kilo of gold approximately \$42 K



Gift Users

- Matthew 25:19 – 23
 - “after a long time”
- Luke 12:48 b “From everyone who has been give much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.”

Gift Users



- (1 Peter 4:9 – 10).
- “Show **hospitality** to one another without grumbling. As each has **received a gift**, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:”
 - Hospitality is a powerful gift.
 - Everyone has gifts from God.
 - Will we use them to serve **one another**?

Gift Abusers

- Matthew 25:24 – 25 Excuse
- “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no *seed*. And **I was afraid**, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.”

Gift Abusers

- Master's response: Matt. 25:26
- “You **wicked, lazy slave**, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no *seed*. 27 Then you ought to have put **my money** in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. “

Use it or Lose it

- (Matthew 25:29 - 30) "For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Matt. 25:30 "Throw out the **worthless slave** into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Invest in others

If Jesus



Spent The Week With You

- 2 Timothy 2:1 - 3 “You therefore, my son, be strong in the **grace** that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful** men who will be able to **teach others** also. 3 Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

You are Gifted

- Romans 12:6 – 8 “Since we have gifts that differ according to the **grace given** to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith, if **service**, in his servicing; or he who **teaches**, in his teaching; or he who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.”

