



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

The Steward's Blessing

WISDOM / PROVISION / EMPOWERMENT

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Romans 14:12

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God

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7 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?

Paul used the word “steward” which is *oikonomos* (οἰκονόμος) in the Greek.

It was a word understood by people in his day. ***Oikonomos*** was the “major domo” or the person in charge of the administration of the house or estate.

A steward is always clear about one thing:
He is not the owner.

A steward manages the property and
affairs of another.

Being a good steward brings and produces
WISDOM, PROVISION & EMPOWERMENT

WISDOM: Knowing what to do

PROVISION: Fully supply from the owner

EMPOWERMENT: Able to empower others

Most importantly, a good steward **has access to the unlimited supply of the owner.**

Our Level of Stewardship is Evident

Proverbs 24:30-32

I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; 31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. 32 When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction:



Vineyards Require Cultivation & Stewardship
Your Life, Work, & Ministry is Your Vineyard

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Grape vines go wild without stewardship

“He must be found faithful”

The word “faithful” is *Pistos* (πιστός) in the Greek. Same root word for *faith*.

***Pistos* means:** Of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties

In I Corinthians 4:7 Paul addressed people who **acted like they were owners**, not stewards.

*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?***

Human nature – our carnal nature – **does not want to submit** to the Lordship of Christ and the authority of God.

People naturally resist cultivation as part of the sinful nature.

Becoming a good steward brings many blessings!

Ethos is the distinguishing character, sentiment, moral nature, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution

The Good Steward's Ethos:

- Seek first God's Kingdom, not your ambitions
- Always bring your "A" game even if no one sees it.
- Sincere: Being in reality what you appear to be
- Leave things better than you found it
- Give more than you take
- Have substance with the style
- Keep you word: Do what you say you will do
- Have J.O.Y. = Jesus, Others, Yourself
- What is your ethos?

Good stewardship pays attention to the small things:

Look at how Jesus stewarded resources after feeding the multitudes.

John 6:12

*After Jesus fed the multitude, He told the people,
"Gather up now the fragments (the broken pieces left
over) so that **nothing may be lost or wasted.**"*

"Jesus could have simply done another miracle to provide for the cleanup after his miraculous meal, but instead he taught people about the importance of making the most out of what God has provided."
(Joyce Meyer)

**The “measure” you use is your level
of stewardship**

Luke 6:38

*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, [stewardship]** it will be measured back to you*

Stewardship Reflection / Action Steps

On a level of 1-10, how would you measure your stewardship in the following areas? What action steps will you take to improve?

Personal Finances_____

Action Steps:

Organization / Ministry Finances_____

Action Steps:

Work / Ministry Preparation_____

Action Steps:

Marriage & Family_____

Action Steps:

Stewardship Reflection / Action Steps

On a level of 1-10, how would you measure your stewardship in the following areas? What action steps will you take to improve?

Health _____

Action Steps:

Equipping / Serving Others _____

Action Steps:

Rest & Recreation _____

Action Steps:

Strategic Planning _____

Action Steps:

Stewardship Reflection / Action Steps

On a level of 1-10, how would you measure your stewardship in the following areas? What action steps will you take to improve?

Study / Professional Development_____

Action Steps:

Prayer / Mediation_____

Action Steps: