

GOOD STEWARDS

God's Most Blessed People



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Romans 14:12

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

John 8:31

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you **abide in My word**, you are My disciples indeed.*

*32 And you shall know the truth, and the **truth shall make you free.**"*

36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

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The revelation of being a good steward is **our key to freedom**, financial and otherwise.

His message was this: You can try to do this by yourself, or you can operate under divine authority and grace.

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.

Most importantly, a good steward **received
an unlimited supply.**

With his authority, the steward was always clear about one thing: **He was not the owner.**

A steward manages the property and affairs of another.

He must be found faithful (not only “trying” to be 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.

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

The benefit of being a good steward is that **you get to use, enjoy, live in, and share all the resources and wealth of the owner.**

As a team member, employee, supervisor, student, or whatever station you occupy in life, **you are a steward.**

You must be found faithful.

Let's transfer this concept to life and ministry.

Again, the Apostle Paul wrote:

*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)*

Good stewardship begins with having **a spirit of faith and maintaining a good mindset.**

None of this is in the spirit of legalism. It is in the spirit of excellence.

Paul wrote to the Philippians:

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 **that you may approve the things that are excellent**, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9)*

Freedom manifests in **stewardship** and **excellence**.

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)

Everything belongs to God. He allows us the great privilege of caring for it and using it for His purposes. This is the freedom and blessing of godly stewardship.

There is freedom in being a good steward. You have freedom to receive from God. **We have freedom to give and let God multiply what we give.**

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*

**The measure you use is your level
of 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?

Reflection / Action Steps

Personal Finances_____

Action Steps:

Work / Ministry Preparation_____

Action Steps:

Marriage & Family_____

Action Steps:

Reflection / Action Steps

Health _____

Action Steps:

Equipping / Serving Others _____

Action Steps:

Rest & Recreation _____

Action Steps:

Reflection / Action Steps

Strategic Planning_____

Action Steps:

Study / Professional Development_____

Action Steps:

Prayer / Mediation_____

Action Steps: