

Being Wise and Faithful Stewards



1 Corinthians 4:1-2

- There are many believers today that are enjoying life to the fullest because we have learned the secret of stewardship.
- The blessings in the Christian believer's life are not based upon what is going on in our economy.
- Wise and faithful stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ live by the principles of the Word of God.
- There are some who do not understand the importance and the necessity of being a wise and faithful steward.
- If you are a Christian believer, it is vital that we understand and begin practicing becoming wise and faithful stewards.
- Stewardship is about what we are doing with what has been entrusted to us.

○ Understanding Stewardship

- Steward: manager or administrator
- Stewardship: the authority to care for the property of another.
- If we are going to be wise and faithful stewards, there are five things we must know and understand.

1. The author of stewardship is God (Gen. 1:26-28).

A. God owns everything (Ps. 89:11; 50:10-11; 24:1).

B. Before you can be a good steward it is important that you know the owner.

C. From the moment we were born we were in debt.

2. The attitude of stewardship is gratitude (Gen. 1:28).

A. God put us here to manage and rule what belongs to Him (Psalm 8:6-7).

B. Stewardship is about the positive not the negative (Gen. 2:15-17).

C. Stewardship begins with loving not giving (2 Cor. 9:7).

3. The authority of stewardship is the Word of God.

A. Practicing stewardship produces growth.

B. When I stay under authority, my life will be a river not a reservoir.

C. When I stay under authority and obey, I can expect tremendous blessings in my life.

4. The adversary of stewardship is Satan (Gen. 3:1).

A. Satan disguised himself (v. 1a).

B. Satan questioned God's Word (v. 1b).

C. Satan denied God's Word (v. 4).

5. The accountability of stewardship (Matt. 25:14).

A. The Lord called His own servants.

B. He delivered His goods, or gifts, or properties to them.

C. Each servant had to give an account of his stewardship.