



Faithful Stewardship



Introduction

Faithful stewards are honored and commended by God and unfaithful stewards are condemned.

We are children of God. We have been given talents (gifts, resources) by the Holy Spirit, we must be faithful in using the God given talents successfully to be profitable to God's work , to enhance His kingdom . Our Lord will return (John 14:1-3). We need to know owner of resources, stay within the guidelines (John 15:5), our reasonability is to work and Produce good results . In the end the Lord will hold us all accountable . If we do not use our talents , abilities to do His work gainfully, we waste it .

Objectives

There may be many characteristics of a steward. A good / faithful steward has many qualities. Some of them are :

- 1. Trustworthy**
- 2. Responsible**
- 3. Goal oriented**
- 4. Sustainability**
- 5. Consistency**
- 6. Honest**
- 7. Humble**
- 8. Loving**
- 9. Controlled life**
- 10. Accountable**

Resources

A faithful Steward is fully aware that all resources belong to God

Ps 24: 1 ~ The earth is Lord's and everything in it

Jas 1:17 ~ Every good and perfect gift comes from above

Matt 25:14 ~ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

**2 Pet 1:3 ~ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life
We own nothing , not even our self**

Responsible

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Matt 25:15 ~ Faithful steward gets resources and manages best to his abilities

Per guidelines- Job

Trusted – owner trust him- gave talents and went on journey

Self disciplined- quick to action – V16- "went at once"

Planned and put talent to work

Not lazy or slothful

Self controlled

Result Oriented

Owner was delayed , but steward was ready to report , update

Matt 25: 16

Produced great results – 100%

Proportional results (5:5, 2:2)

Not slothful lazy

-Complaints

-Defensive

-Excuse maker

-Fearful

-Killed the talent

-No positive result /no gains

Result Oriented

Faithful Steward gets Commendation

Matt 25: 21, 23

- Well done-good and faithful servant
- Promotion
- Join the Joy of the owner/happiness

Unfaithful Stewart gets condemnation

Matt 25:26

- wicked and lazy servant
- Recommendations
- punishment

Conclusion

We all are stewards of God's resources, we need to use them to enhance and promote God's kingdom , so we can hear commendation by the master in the end .

Joseph is a great example in OT or faithful Steward

Gen 41: 41-42

41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Eph 2:10

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.