

Managing God's Stuff

A biblical look at the Steward; Selected and Titus 1:7

Introduction:

Titus 1:7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward

#1. The _____ of Management

1st - In the Old Testament

- **Turn to Genesis 39**

2nd - In the New Testament

Luke 12:42 Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time.

Luke 16:1 There was a certain rich man who had a steward and this steward was reported to him as squandering his possessions

- Stewardship is managing something that isn't your own

#2. The _____ of Management

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth

Genesis 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

1 Timothy 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to **enjoy**.

#3. The _____ of Management

1st - Sharing the _____

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me

Acts 1:8 you shall be My witnesses
2 Cor. 5:20 we are ambassadors for Christ

- How do I start?
 - [1] Pray
 - [2] Open opportunities
 - [3] Be prepared

2nd - Stewards of a _____

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God

- How does a Christian find their giftedness?
 - [1] Only serve out of gratitude
 - [2] Begin to serve
 - [3] Examine the fruit

3rd - Steward the _____

Psalms 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it 3 Behold Children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.

4th - Steward ____ and _____

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon the earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also

2 Cor. 9:10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

1 Cor. 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints 2 On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, ...

2 Cor. 9:7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

5th - Elders steward _____ church

• Turn to Titus 1

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How can an Elder be a blameless steward?

[1] By raising a Godly _____

[2] By leading as an _____

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons

Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

[3] By walking in an _____ manner

[4] By treating the church as God's _____

• How can we know when elders are stewarding for Jesus?

Test #1 - Do the elders function only by the Word of God? Titus 1:9

Test #2 - Do the elders live a lifestyle worthy of modeling? I Timothy 3:5

Test #3 - Do the elders teach the whole counsel of God? Acts 20:27

Test #4 - Does the team of Elders function in complete agreement? I Cor. 1:10

#4. The _____ of Management

1Corinthians 4:2, it's required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Luke 12:42-43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds [being the faithful steward] when He comes

Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much

#5. The _____ of faithful Management

1st - The _____ benefits

Matthew 25:25 I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; ... 26 But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave ... 28 take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents

1 Timothy 6:17 God, ... richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much

Luke 19:17 because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities

2nd - The _____ benefits

2 Corinthians 5:10 reminds us For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:12 each one of us shall give an account of himself to God

Conclusion: Questions

What thing or things do you need to give up possession of?

Does your checkbook reflect a true stewardship from God?

In your heart, are your children possessions or on loan from God?

Are you a steward of the gospel? Who can you share with?

Are you experiencing happiness with...

...the things God has given you?

...the time God has given you?

...the money God has given you?