

## What the Bible Teaches about Stewardship

### I. Review of What We Have in Christ

- A. I Corinthians 12:13                      all baptized by the Spirit into one body
- B. I Corinthians 6:19-20                indwelled by the Holy Spirit
- C. I Corinthians 12:27-28                all possess gifts of the Spirit
- D. Galatians 5:22-25                    fruits of the Spirit, walk in the Spirit
- E. James 2:17-18                        good works as a result of our faith

### II. The Reality of Stewardship --- "The Truth about Right Living" (1996)

- A. Matthew 22:37-39                      Love the Lord above all and others as self
- B. Matthew 6:33                            Trust the Lord to meet your needs
- C. Matthew 20:20-28
  - 1. Matthew 20:26 - minister (diakonos) -> "one who executes the commands of another, especially of a master, a servant, attendant, minister; from diako meaning to run errands."
  - 2. Matthew 20:27 servant (doulos) -> "a slave, bondman, one who gives himself up to another's will."
- D. I Corinthians 4:1-2, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
  - 1. I Corinthians 4:1 - ministers (hyperetes) -> "any one who serves with hands: a servant"
  - 2. I Corinthians 4:1 - stewards (oikonomos) -> "a steward, manager, superintendent (whether free-born or as was usually the case, a freed-man or a slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has intrusted the management of his affairs"
  - 3. I Corinthians 4:1 - mysteries (musterion) -> "a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding, a hidden purpose or counsel"

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#### Some of the mysteries of God:

- a) Romans 11:25                          blindness of Israel for Gentile's sake
- b) I Corinthians 15:51                    we shall not all sleep but will all be changed
- c) Ephesians 3:3-6                        mystery of Christ - fellow-heirs in Christ with the Jews
- d) Ephesians 5:31-32                    relationship of man-wife, Christ-church
- e) II Thessalonians 2:7                    mystery of iniquity (related to the end times)

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- 4. I Corinthians 4:2 - faithful (pistos) -> "one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust, that can be relied on"

