

STEWARDSHIP

TEXT: 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 Corinthians 4:1–2 (KJV)**

1) What is a Steward

A. A Steward owns nothing

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NIV)

B. A Steward is responsible for someone else's property

- Everything we have has been given to us by the Lord
- We should hold on lightly to everything that has been given to us
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2) What is required of a steward

- We have been called to be faithful with everything that the Lord has entrusted to us.
- Faithfulness carries the idea of being trustworthy or reliable.

Not to use it only for selfish reasons, but to honor and bring benefit to the Lord's kingdom

- We are not responsible for things the Lord has not given us.
- We should not be comparing ourselves to others and what they have.

This is the reason Paul has written this because the church was divided into groups:

“I am of Paul. I am of Apollos. I am of Peter.”

Paul would write: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:10-11**

3) What is the reward of a good steward

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"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" **Matthew 25:21 (NIV)**