

## SERMON – In God we T.R.U.S.T. – Stewarding God’s Gifts – Matthew 25:14-30

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What does it mean to be a steward? A steward is someone who looks after and administers what belongs to another!

The steward is not the owner, but merely the manager!

Matthew 25:14-30 reminds us of the importance, the role, and the rewards/consequences of stewardship!

- The owner/master cares deeply about what belongs to him, as well as what his servants/stewards do with it!
- The servant/steward is to take good care of what belongs to the master and do what he/she can to add to it!
- There is great reward, or consequence, for the servants who are faithful with what they have been entrusted with as stewards!

Everything we have in this life belongs to the One who created it, sustains it, and uses it for His glorious purpose... God

Romans 11:36 – *“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”*

Psalms 24:1 – *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”*

1 Chronicles 29:13-14 - *Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”*

What does it mean to trust in God as stewards of His gifts? It means to use His gifts to bring Him honor and glory... to add to and enhance what has been entrusted to us, for the master’ benefit!

We often think about trusting God for what we don’t have... But we are also called to trust God with what we do have... what we’ve been entrusted with!

Each of the 3 servants in Matthew 25 were held responsible for what they were entrusted with, not with what the other 2 were given!

Each one of us is called to steward what God has given to us! Are we being faithful with what we have been entrusted with? Do we trust God with what we have, by using it for His glory & benefit? What kind of stewards are we being of God’s gifts?

- How are we stewarding our lives, which is a gift from God for us to manage? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our marriage/singleness? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our children/grandchildren/empty nest/never having children? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our jobs/work/school/talents/education/gifts? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our relationships with family/neighbors/co-workers? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our time/schedules/calendars? \_\_\_\_\_
- How are we stewarding our money/resources? \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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\$5001-10000	\$50k - \$100k	15%	16%
\$1001-5000	\$10k - \$50k	32%	32%
\$1-1000	\$10 - \$10k	15%	14%
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