

Stewardship

1. Two passages from the Gospel of Luke communicate important introductory principles regarding stewardship (Lk. 12:42-48; 16:1-4).
 - a. Stewardship requires faithfulness and sensibility (Lk. 12:42).
 - b. Blessings in stewardship can only be realized through that same faithfulness and sensibility (Lk. 12:43).
 - c. Stewardship also entails the most severe accountability (Lk. 12:44-48; 16:1-4).
 - 1) These principles apply both to individual stewardship as well as corporate stewardship.
 - 2) These are very practical principles for the personal application of every believer today, in addition to being instructive regarding the Father's Grace Eternal Plan of the Ages for the Maximum Glorification of Jesus Christ.
2. Stewardship essentially equals being entrusted with the Word of God for subsequent dissemination to the world (1st Cor. 4:1 cf. Rom. 3:2). This is the believer's great Advantage in the Dispensation of the Church. We are the Stewards of the plan of God in this present stewardship.
3. Stewardship requires voluntary service for reward (1st Cor. 9:17).
4. Stewardship consists of believers fulfilling their spiritual work-assignment as delegated by God (Col. 1:25; Tit. 1:7; 1st Pet. 4:10).
5. Stewardship responsibilities are fulfilled by means of faith (1st Tim. 1:4).