

Honoring God as Faithful Stewards of  
Our Time, Talents, and Treasures  
Mt.25:14-30 & Selected Scriptures

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*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

*(Gen.1:26a, 27)*

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*And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Gen.1:28)*

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*This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.*

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Other translations describe a steward as *someone who has been entrusted with something* (NIV), and *someone who has been put in charge as a manager of something*. (NLT)

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The NLT uses the word **responsibility** to describe the idea of **stewardship**.

# I. Our Heavenly Father is a Just God.

Justice: “to give to everyone what they are due.”

If we receive justice, we get exactly what we deserve – nothing more or less.

A steward is someone who is entrusted with what belongs to another; a steward is a manager of what belongs to another.

Stewardship refers to the actual responsibility of managing or taking care of what belongs to another person.

## Stewardship

“God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians . . . are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others.”

- Article 13, Baptist Faith & Message 2000.

## Stewardship in All of Life

“Whatever a person “owns,” he or she is to manage as a steward who is responsible to God. Stewardship responsibilities extend not only to the creation, material possessions, and natural resources, but also to other things such as talents or skills that have been given by God (1 Cor. 4:7),

time and opportunities (Eph. 5:15–16), the wonderful responsibility of bearing and raising children (Eph. 6:4), and spiritual gifts and ministries (1 Cor. 4:1–2; Eph. 3:2; 1 Pet. 4:10).”

– ESV Study Bible article

*As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (1 Tim.6:17)*