

# Faithful Stewardship of our Talents

Selected Scripture

## 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

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A. God created us in His image.

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

*(Gen.1:27)*

B. God created us uniquely.

*For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's  
womb.*

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14a)*

## C. God created us purposefully.

*Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of  
them,*

*the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.*

(Psalm 139:16)

*The word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
“Before I formed you in the womb I  
knew you,*

*before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the  
nations.” (Jeremiah 1:4-5, NIV)*

*Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that I may learn  
your commandments. (Psalm 119:73)*

*But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
(Isaiah 64:8)*

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A. God saved you for the purpose of displaying you as His work of art.

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*  
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

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*<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. (Romans 12:4-6a, NLT)*

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).*

“A spiritual gift is any talent or ability which is empowered by the Holy Spirit and able to be used in the ministry of the church.”

- Wayne Grudem

III. Are you faithfully serving the unique purpose that God created you and re-created you to do in this world and this church?

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