

Using Your Talents and Gifts as God's Agents

Ephesians 5: 6 - 17

Becoming Righteous Agents Series

1. Stewardship and the Believer. (Colossians 3: 9 – 10, 2 Corinthians 5: 9 - 10)

Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and his grace? In each case, he evaluates how we regard what he has entrusted to us and what we do with it. Randy Alcorn. p 226 "Money, Possessions, and Eternity."

2. God has ENOWED Everyone with UNIQUE Talents. (Psalm 139:13-14; 119: 73)

3. Your SPIRITUAL Service of WORSHIP. (Romans 12: 1 - 2)

4. God has ENDOWED Believers with SPIRITUAL GIFT(S). (Rom 12: 3 – 13)

Application Points

1. The primary reason for being a good Steward is to HONOR God for the PRICELESS gift of salvation. A second reason is that believers will be JUDGED for their stewardship.
2. No one is just like you! God has CREATED each of us to have a UNIQUE design who have DIVERGENT talents.
3. Beware of CONFORMING to the WORLD and its system. Are you being TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of your mind through God's Word daily?
4. All believers have a VITAL role in the body of Christ. Each believer has a DUTY to use their spiritual gifts to EDIFY others within the church body. [Reflect and Pray!]
5. The Church is a BODY of BELIEVERS, not a building! It is a COMMUNITY that requires each body part to FUNCTION properly. NO ONE is in the STANDS. No spectators; get in the game!