

Being a faithful steward

AND THE LORD SAID, "WHO THEN IS THE FAITHFUL AND SENSIBLE STEWARD, WHOM HIS MASTER WILL PUT IN CHARGE OF HIS SERVANTS, TO GIVE THEM THEIR RATIONS AT THE PROPER TIME?"

(LUKE 12:42)

EVERY GOOD THING GIVEN AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION OR SHIFTING SHADOW.

(JAMES 1:17)

Be a good steward of:

- ▶ **Your soul**
- ▶ **Your gifts**
- ▶ **Your possessions**

Soul

- ▶ **“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”
(Matthew 16:26)**
- ▶ **And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’
(Matthew 22:37)**
- ▶ **Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.
(3 John 1:2)**

Gifts

- ▶ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10)
- ▶ “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:11)
- ▶ God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us — *Selah*. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. (Psalm 67:1-2)
- ▶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Possessions

- ▶ **And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.
(2 Corinthians 9:8)**
- ▶ **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
(Matthew 6:33)**

Give Him Honour

▶ First fruits

▶ Tithes

▶ “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its* grapes,” says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 3:10-11)

▶ Offerings