



STEWARDSHIP

Lu. 12:42-48

“Accountability and Approval”

Lu. 12:42 And the Lord said, **Who then is that faithful and wise steward**, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed *is* that **servant**, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so **doing**.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his **heart**, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that **servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will**, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.



This morning we are entering new spiritual territory that is also related to our theme...

I LOVE MY CHURCH

Original Word: οἰκονόμος

Transliteration: oikonomos

Definition: a household manager, a steward, guardian.

oikonómos (from *oíkos*, "house, household" and *nemō*, "to allot, apportion") – properly, a *steward* (literally, "household-manager").

oikonómos ("manager") often functioned as the "steward" of a household, and was generally a *freedman*

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I. THE ENQUIRY, 12:42a – “...**Who then is that faithful and wise steward...**”

A. The Question – “faithful and wise”

B. The Quest – “steward”

Phil. 3:14 **I press toward the mark for the prize** of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

II. THE ENTRUSTING, 12:42b – “...whom *his* lord shall make **ruler over his household...**”

A. The Dominion – “...whom *his* lord...”



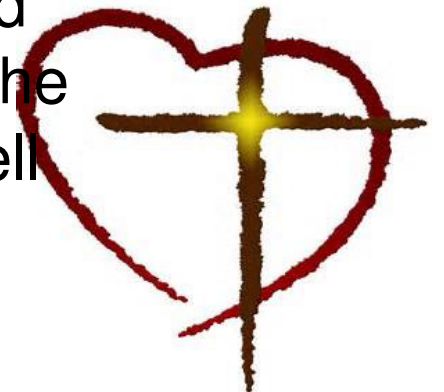
Gen. 39:2 And **the LORD was with Joseph**, and he was a prosperous man; and **he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.**

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And **Joseph found grace in his sight**, and **he served him**: and **he made him overseer over his house**, and **all that he had he put into his hand.**

5 And it came to pass from the time *that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had*, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And **he left all that he had in Joseph's hand**; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a goodly person*, and well favoured.



B. The Design – “...shall make **ruler over his household...**”

1 Pet. 4:10 As every man hath **received the gift, even so minister the same** one to another, **as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

1 Chron. 29:11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should **be able to offer so willingly** after this sort? **for all things come of thee**, and **of thine own have we given thee.**

Prov. 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: **the LORD is the maker of them all.**



III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT, 12:43-44 – “...Blessed *is* that **servant...** he **will make him ruler** over all that he hath.”

A. The Acknowledgement – “Blessed *is* that **servant...**”

1 Cor. 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and **every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.**

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, **but that we receive a full reward.**

B. The Advancement – “...he **will make him ruler...**”

Prov. 10:22 The **blessing of the LORD**, it maketh **rich**, and he addeth no sorrow with it.



Prov. 13:7 There is that **maketh himself** rich, yet *hath* nothing:
there is that **maketh himself** poor, yet *hath* great riches.

1 Pet. 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of
God, **that he may exalt you in due time:**

IV. THE ENIGMA, 12:45-47 – “But and if that servant say in his
heart... The lord of that servant will come in a day when he
looketh not for *him*... that **servant, which knew his lord's
will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his
will...**”

A. The Choice – “...if that servant say in his heart...”

Prov. 4:23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence;**
for out of it *are* the issues of life.



Mt. 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but **their heart is far from me.** ...

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth **come forth from the heart**; and they defile the man.

19 For **out of the heart proceed** evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

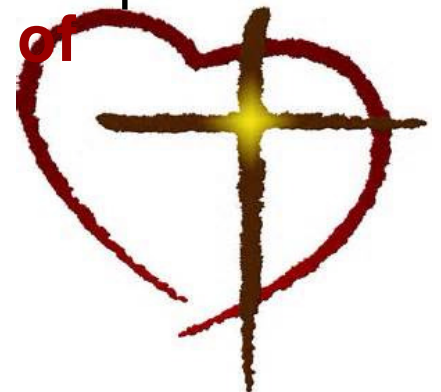
Lu. 12:34 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be** also.

B. The Consequences – “...which knew his lord’s will...neither did according to his will...”

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

8 For he that **soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh** reap corruption; but he that **soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap** life everlasting.

9 And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in **due season we shall reap**, if we faint not.



Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, **which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

V. THE ENABLING, 12:48a – “...**unto whomsoever much is given...**”

A. The Provisions

1 Cor. 2:12 Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; **that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**



Eccl. 5:19 Every man also to whom **God hath given riches and wealth**, and hath **given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour**; this *is the gift of God*.

B. The Power

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

VI. THE ENCOUNTER, 12:48a – “...**For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required ...**”

A. The Personal Accountability – “...For unto whomsoever...”

Heb. 9:27 And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but after this **the judgment**:



Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

B. The Proportional Assessment –

“...much given...much required...”

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so **account of us**, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God.**

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**



Conclusion – THE ENVISION, 2 Cor. 5:10-11

2 Cor. 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, **according to that he hath done, whether *it be good or bad*.**

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Rev. 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

2 Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: **behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**)

