



A GRACIOUS STEWARD RECOGNIZES HIS ROLE

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“He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.” (Luke 19:12-27)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: “As Jesus and His disciples made their way toward Jerusalem, the Twelve were sure that Jesus was going there to receive a crown, to be acknowledged as a king, and to institute the millennial kingdom. Christ now told a parable in order to correct the misconception of the people, ‘who thought the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.’”—**J. Dwight Pentecost**

THREE PURPOSES OF THIS PARABLE

1. To show that Jesus’ kingdom would not be immediately established
2. To remind the disciples that Jesus (the Nobleman) would leave and then return
3. To show the role of a disciple in stewardship as he awaits His return

1. THE _____ OF A STEWARD

A. He Serves His Master _____

“So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” (Luke 17:10)

B. He Stewards His Master’s _____

“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:12)

“And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” (Job 1:21-22)

Quote: “If God was the owner, I was the manager. I needed to adopt a steward’s mentality toward the assets He had entrusted—not given—to me. A steward manages assets for the owner’s benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It’s his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will.”—**Randy Alcorn**

Quote: “Let us walk as stewards and not act as owners, keeping for ourselves the means with which the Lord has entrusted us. He has not blessed us that we may gratify our own carnal mind but for the sake of using our money in His service and to His praise.”

—**George Müller**

2. THE _____ OF A STEWARD

A. To _____ the Business of the Owner

REMAIN

Quote: “A true faith in Jesus Christ will not suffer us to be idle. No, it is an active, lively, restless principle; it fills the heart, so that it cannot be easy till it is doing something for Jesus Christ.”—**George Whitefield**

RESIST

“Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.” (1 John 3:13)

B. To _____ to the Owner

OUR MANAGEMENT

“And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.” (Luke 16:2)

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)

Quote: “The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’”—**Andrew Murray**

OUR INVESTMENTS

“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.” (Proverbs 10:4)

“The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.” (Proverbs 21:5)

OUR ETERNAL INVESTMENTS

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19–21)

Quote: “The only way to really win with money is to hold it loosely and be generous with it to accomplish things of value.”—**John Maxwell**

3. THE _____ OF A STEWARD

A. The _____ for the Fruitful

THEY WERE BLESSED FOR THEIR FRUIT

“Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.” (Matthew 19:27–28)

“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.” (Daniel 7:18, 22)

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

THEY WERE BLESSED FOR THEIR FAITHFULNESS

B. The _____ of the Wasteful

THEY HAVE NO RETURN

Quote: “We either give by reason or by revelation.”

THEY LOSE THE BLESSING OF GOD

“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 Peter 4:10)

CONCLUSION



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