

Sermon Title:

"The Concept of Biblical Stewardship"

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(Part 3)

Sermon Text:

Matthew 25:14-30

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Introduction:

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- **Review:** What is the general context of Matthew 25?
- **The Parable of the Ten Virgins** (vv. 1-13), teaches the importance of being _____ for Christ's return, and **The Parable of the Talents** (vv. 14-30), teaches what _____ means.
- **Readiness** is not a matter of _____, but of _____! In other words, _____ = _____!

Biblical stewardship is the use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals and objectives.

I. God's Role Is All About Ownership (25:14-15)

- *Deuteronomy 10:14; I Chronicles 29:11, 13-14; Psalm 24:1; 50:10-12; Ezekiel 18:4; Haggai 2:8; I Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:25-26*

"When it comes to the matter of biblical stewardship, this is the number one issue of all, and until this issue is settled, we are always going to be in constant conflict with God about what we do with what He has entrusted to us!"

A. He has given us everything that we _____ (v. 15a)

- What exactly are the "**talents**" that are mentioned here? (vv. 14, 18, 27)
- It is God who does the giving, and because it all belongs to Him, He _____ as He _____! **This means** that there is absolutely no room for _____ and no room for _____! (I Corinthians 4:7)

B. He has given us exactly what we can _____ (v. 15b)

- There is a balance here between God's _____ and our _____!

The same God that gives _____ to our capacity is the God who has first _____ our capacity!

- The issue is not _____ God has entrusted to us – but _____ with what He has entrusted to us!

II. Our _____ Is All About _____ (25:16-19)

Question: *If God owns it all, then what am I doing with it?*

A. The steward's _____ (vv. 16-18)

- The man in this parable allocated his resources to his servants with the expectation that they would make a _____ in his absence.

The Body of Christ is not a “ _____ ” organization!

- There are two ways that we should view the things that God has entrusted to us:

1. ***We should view them as a _____***

This means:

2. ***We should view them as being a _____***

This means:

“Can God trust us with what belongs to Him?”

B. The steward's _____ (vv. 19-30)

- ***The lesson of this parable is that God holds us accountable for _____ with _____ to us!***
- As Christian stewards, each of us must give an account to the Lord – not so much for what we have _____, but for what we have _____ with what we have been given!

What we do with what is entrusted to us is important to _____! (Luke 12:42-46)
What we do with what is entrusted to us is important to _____! (Acts 4:34)
What we do with what is entrusted to us is important to _____! (Matthew 6:19-20)

- ***I Corinthians 4:2*** The believer who serves faithfully will be _____!

Conclusion: *Stewardship isn't so much about _____ as it is about _____.*
It doesn't start in your _____ until it starts in your _____.

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.