

# “Foundations of the New Testament Church”

## Week #3: “Faithful Stewardship”

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**Matthew 25:13-30** (New American Standard)

**13** "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

**14** "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them. **15** "And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. **16** "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. **17** "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. **18** "But he who received the one talent went away and dug in the ground, and hid his master's money. **19** "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** "And the one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.'

**21** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.' **22** "The one also who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.' **23** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' **24** "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed. **25** 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours.' **26** "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed. **27** 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. **28** 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' **29** "For to everyone who has shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

**30** "And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## The biblical concept of “stewardship”:

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. *1 Corinthians 4:1-2 NASB*

For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. *Titus 1:7-9 NASB*

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 NASB*

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ with the stewardship of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..." *1 Peter 2:9-10 NASB*

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." *Matthew 16:19 NASB*

II. Our \_\_\_\_\_ vary according to our \_\_\_\_\_.

III. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

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IV. The expectation is \_\_\_\_\_.