

Evaluating My Stewardship

Luke 12:35-48 ~ I Corinthians 4:1-2 ~ Ephesians 5:14-17 ~ Colossians 3:1-5a

I believe we will give an account to God of the things He entrusts to our care, which have the potential to "make a profit" for Him (see Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-27).

- 1) **His Truth** -- I am responsible to learn It, obey It, proclaim It, and guard It.
(see Proverbs 8:32-36 & 22:17-22 / Luke 10:38-42 / II Timothy 1:13-14, 2:15, 3:14-4:6 / Jude 4, 5, 17-23)
- 2) **His temple** -- God's Spirit dwells in my body after salvation. He has put these things in my body:
 - a) Spiritual gift(s) -- given by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation to help other Christians
 - b) Talents -- abilities He created me with, which I should develop and use for Him
 - c) A Tongue -- I am responsible to praise and give thanks to God, rejoice in the Lord, witness for Christ to unbelievers, and speak "that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers."
- 3) **His treasure** -- money, material possessions, and "the power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:16-17)
Note I Chronicles 29:10-14, Galatians 6:6 & 10, II Cor. 8 & 9, and I Tim. 5:16-18 & 6:6-20)
- 4) **His time** -- the days God gives me (see Psalms 22:29, 71:15, 90:12, 103:13-15; James 4:13)
- 5) **The opportunities** He has given me **to learn & train** (at home, church, school, job, through books, etc.)
- 6) **The people** He has given me opportunities with as His ambassador (see II Cor. 5:19-20 / Acts 1:8)
I am responsible to accurately represent Christ and faithfully speak for Him to my family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and people at school, work, church, and in the marketplace.

Take time to think, pray, and make any necessary changes . . .

Am I truly doing my Lord's will with His resources?

1. Am I being ethical to serve my Lord with His valuables and gain a good return for Him; *OR* am I spending His resources on myself and cheating my Lord out of what He deserves?
2. Am I laboring diligently to produce the maximum possible return on investment for my Master; *OR* am I being slothful? Have I gotten sidetracked (doing my work instead of His work)?
3. Am I investing in eternal things with my Lord's resources or in earthly/temporal things?
4. Am I doing all I can with all of my Lord's resources to exalt the King and expand His kingdom?
5. Am I seeking to glorify my Lord with His resources *OR* seeking to glorify and/or gratify self?
6. Could Jesus say to me now, "Well done, good and faithful steward" for each of the nine areas of stewardship?
7. Do I really know my Lord's will in each of the nine areas of stewardship? (note Eph. 5:17)
8. Am I truly striving to do **His** will in each area? (note I Cor. 9:24-27 and Col. 1:28-29)
9. Am I daily seeking to better know my Lord and His will for me?
10. When I meet my Lord, will I be excited or embarrassed, acclaimed or ashamed? (II Peter 1:10; I John 2:28)

"I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus, when He has done so much for me?"