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BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

In the Bible, the concept of stewardship encompasses several ideas related to managing, caring for, and being responsible for what has been entrusted to someone.

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God has given each of us special abilities. Whatever they are, they can be used to benefit other people and glorify God.

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4. MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

Our material possessions and financial resources are gifts from God.

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Here are some alternate words and phrases that can be used to describe a steward, or the concept of stewardship based on Biblical principles:

1. MANAGER

A manager oversees and is responsible for resources, tasks, or people.

This term captures the idea of stewardship as managing what belongs to someone else, particularly in parables like the Parable of the Talents (*Matthew 25:14-30*).

2. CARETAKER

A caretaker is someone who looks after or takes care of something, often with a focus on preservation and protection.

This term is closely related to stewardship in terms of caring for God's creation or resources.

3. TRUSTEE

A trustee is a person who holds and manages assets or responsibilities on behalf of another.

In a biblical sense, stewardship involves being a trustee of God's gifts, using them wisely for His purposes.

4. GUARDIAN

A guardian protects and is responsible for someone or something.

This term can relate to stewardship in terms of protecting and preserving the gifts, resources, or responsibilities given by God.

5. SERVANT

The concept of a servant emphasises humility and obedience in fulfilling one's duties.

Many parables, such as the Parable of the Faithful Servant (*Luke 12:35-48*), highlight the role of a steward as a servant.

6. CUSTODIAN

A custodian is someone who has the responsibility of taking care of something.

This term relates to stewardship in the sense of being responsible for the maintenance and proper use of resources.

7. ADMINISTRATOR

An administrator manages and organises resources, people, or systems.

In the context of stewardship, an administrator would be responsible for ensuring that everything under their care is used effectively and according to the owner's wishes.

8. OVERSEER

An overseer is someone who supervises or looks after something or someone.

This term is used in the Bible to describe those who have been given authority to manage or lead, aligning with the idea of stewardship.

9. AGENT

An agent acts on behalf of another.

In stewardship, this term highlights the role of the steward as someone who acts in the interest of God, managing His resources according to His will.

10. DELEGATE

A delegate is a person entrusted with responsibilities or authority on behalf of another.

This aligns with the idea of stewardship as being entrusted by God to manage and care for His creation and resources.

11. SHEPHERD

Although traditionally associated with pastoral care, the term shepherd can also represent stewardship.

Particularly in caring for and guiding others with responsibility and compassion.

12. CARETAKER

Similar to custodian, a caretaker is responsible for the upkeep and preservation of something.

This term emphasises the protective and nurturing aspects of stewardship.

13. CONSERVATOR

A conservator protects and preserves resources, particularly in a way that maintains their value over time.

This term aligns with the aspect of stewardship focused on sustainable and responsible management.

14. GOVERNOR

A governor exercises authority and makes decisions on behalf of another.

In stewardship, it refers to the responsible governance of resources and people entrusted to someone's care.

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