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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. There are four main areas of life that we are called to Steward over.



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"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)



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"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)



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- TIME

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."
(Ephesians 5:15-16)

As faithful stewards, we glorify God by using our time wisely. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord"
(Colossians 3:23)



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- MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

Matthew 25:14-30 - The Parable of the Talents

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"
(Matthew 25:21)



Defining Stewardship

The Greek word for “stewardship” is **οἰκονομία (oikonomia)**.

This term comes from two Greek words:

οἶκος (oikos) = “house”/ “household,”

νόμος (nomos) = “management.”



Meaning of 'Oikonomia' in the New Testament

Luke 16:1-13 – The Parable of the Unjust Steward

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 - Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



Key Aspects of Stewardship of a Christian Disciple:

1. Entrustment

Just as a steward manages their master's property, Christians are entrusted by God to manage what they have.



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2. Faithfulness

Christians are called to faithfully use what God has entrusted them with, aligning their decisions and actions with God's will.



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3. Accountability

Christians are accountable to God for how they manage their resources and opportunities for His kingdom.



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4. Living for God's Glory

Stewardship in the New Testament is deeply connected to discipleship. It means living in a way that acknowledges everything belongs to God and should be managed in a manner that reflects His kingdom purposes.



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1. MANAGER

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

(Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Three Servants)



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2. CARETAKER

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



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3. TRUSTEE

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4. GUARDIAN

A guardian protects and is responsible for someone or something.



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5. SERVANT

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

(Luke 12: 35-48 – Parable of the Faithful Servant)



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6. CUSTODIAN

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



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7. ADMINISTRATOR

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



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9. AGENT

An agent acts on behalf of another.



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10. DELEGATE

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



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11. SHEPHERD

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12. CONSERVATOR

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



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13. GOVERNOR

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



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