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BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

Taking Ownership for Rewards

FULFILLING KINGDOM
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Introduction

- Are you reaching your true potential?
- What are you passionate about and enjoy doing?
- Who do you have in your circle?
- Are you getting better every day?



What is Ownership?

- **Dictionary:** The fact or state of being an owner, proprietor, dominion, legal right of possession.
- **Philosophy:** An attitude in which a person actively and autonomously takes responsibility for project, task or work.
- **Psychology:** The feeling that something is yours.
- **Biblically:** Recognising that all we have or will have ultimately belongs to God, and that He has entrusted us with these resources to steward for His glory.

Quote: R. C. Sproul Pastor, Professor & Theologian says;

“If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship.”



Text: Matt 25:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ "So, he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'



1. He was a Doer!

- Five talents the most of all
- First to go and trade them
- Faithful to labour and achieve five more
- Freely and cheerful came forward to be accountable.



Text: 1 Cor 9:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus, I fight not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Quote: Ralph Ransom Author, Painter and Professor say;

“Before the reward there must be labor. You plant before you harvest. You sow in tears before you reap joy.”



2. He was Good!

1. Blameless in his stewardship
2. Business of stewardship
3. Brought five more talents to the table
4. Being accountable to the master regardless of his success



Text: Gal 6:9 (NKJV)

⁹And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Quote: Desmond Tutu Archbishop, churchman, politician and Nobel Prize Winner says;

“Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”



3. He was Faithful!

1. Took his talent
2. Traded his talent
3. Turned a profit gaining five more talents
4. Top prize of all the stewards



Text: Luke 16:10-12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. ¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

Quote: Chris De'Haney Business Director, Award Winning Strategy Content and Partnership Specialist, Cultural Strategist and Brand Partnership Expert says;

"Its not just about a return on investment, but also a return on integrity."



4. He got his Rewards!

1. Praise well done
2. Promotion for being faithful
3. Profit of the one talent that was taken from the wicked and lazy servant
4. Partaker of the master's joy in the eternal world and glory to come.



Text: Matt 16:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Quote: Gary W. Keller Author, Entrepreneur, Founder of Keller Williams Real Estate says;

“Taking complete ownership of your outcomes by holding no one but yourself responsible for them is the most powerful thing you can do to drive your success.”