

## Equipped To Give (Becoming Good Stewards)

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### Introduction

1. We all know we can trust In God for any and everything but can God trust you? We have been blessed with many things and opportunities are we using them the way God intended?
- I. **What Do You Mean By Stewardship?**
  - a. By Definition- “being entrusted with the management of something that does not belong to us.”
  - b. Main Idea Of Being A Steward
    - i. It means we should understand who the owner is first:
    - ii. Psalm 50:10-11; 1 Corinthians 10:26; Job 41:11; Ezekiel 18:4; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; 6:19-20
    - iii. We are not the owner but the manager of all we have
- II. **What Are We Stewards Of?**
  - a. Ourselves – Romans 12:1
    - i. Jesus paid the price for all of us and we are now His and His alone to do these things: Praying, walking in the light, keeping unity, loving one another, coming to every worship service, giving as we prosper etc.
  - b. Our Time – Ephesians 5:15-17
  - c. Our Possessions (Remember we can’t serve two masters only one- Luke 16:13) – Luke 14:33
  - d. Our Gifts And Abilities – 1 Peter 4:10
  - e. The Gospel – 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- III. **How To Be Good Stewards...Luke 16:1-13**
  - a. Accountability Of The Foolish Steward (v1-2) - Realize you are accountable.
    - i. Two Ways We May Sin In Stewardship
      1. Stewards may sin by “misuse” of things entrusted to them. Like the prodigal son in Luke 15.
      2. Stewards may sin by “non-use” of things entrusted to them. Like the one talent man in Matthew 25 and rich men in James 5:1-6.
  - b. Assessment Of The Foolish Steward (v3)- Access your life often to ensure good management of all you have been given
  - c. The Action Of The Foolish Steward (v4-7)
    - i. Uses Opportunity Wisely (v8) to correct the situation
    - ii. Trust Must Be Earned (v10-12) use current of management to determine future worth
    - iii. Trust Can Be Measured- on what you are doing not planning on doing
    - iv. Be Totally Devoted To God (v13)