

# Stewards of God

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## Introduction

1. 1 Peter 4:10
2. The gift in this passage refers to the miraculous gifts that were passed on by the laying on of the apostles hands. Acts 2:38; 8:17
3. These gifts were to be used for to be an attendant, i.e. wait upon (menially or as a host, friend. This is the word defined as minister
4. Steward is a person who is in control of another's property. Genesis 39:4; 44:1
5. Christians are to be good stewards of the many different graces of God (yes these are singular in number, but the word "manifold" means varied)
6. Let us consider some ideas about us being stewards of the property of God

## II Discussion

1. Why are we stewards?
  - a. Stewards could have been slaves that were placed in this position Genesis 39:4; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-19
  - b. Stewards could become one willingly (working for another) 2 Corinthians 8:5 Romans 6:16
  - c. Thus we belong to God.
  - d. In either case we are placed over God's gifts James 1:17; Psalm 127:3; Matthew 25:15; 2 Corinthians 4:7
2. Work of the stewards
  - a. Do our best Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23
  - b. We ought to do the most not see how little we can get by with Luke 17:10
  - c. Faithfulness is required 1 Corinthians 4:2
  - d. Our duties must be met and fulfilled Matthew 25: 19-27
3. The tasks of the steward
  - a. Preach God's Word Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; Titus 2:1
  - b. Teach Titus 2:4; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:24
  - c. Benevolence Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 6:18; Titus 2:7
  - d. Visiting James 1:27
4. The tools of the steward
  - a. Time Job 14:1-2; James 4:14; Ephesians 5:16; John 9:4
  - b. Influence Romans 14:16; 2 Peter 2:12; 3:15-16; Matthew 5:16
  - c. Ability Matthew 25:15; Romans 12:4-5 (6-8 about 7 different "gifts" are mentioned)
  - d. Money Matthew 25:15, 21, 23; 2 Corinthians 9:6
  - e. Family Psalm 127:3; 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 5:23-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7
  - f. Opportunities Galatians 6:10; Revelation 3:10
5. The treasury of our work Ephesians 2:10
  - a. Family 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 6:2; 5:25
  - b. Friends Acts 9:39
  - c. Church Ephesians 3:21

## III Conclusion

1. All are entrusted with the Lord's good in some area of our life
2. Thus we should ask, "Am I a good steward?"
3. Have you given to God your all, All to Jesus I surrender; take my life and let it be
4. Now is the time to surrender to God

Sources: MSOP 2005; God's definition of a Christians sermon outlines from Tom Holland; Porter sermon outline; Matthew Henry commentary; A.T. Robertson Word Pictures; Concordance; Vines