

Spiritual Stewardship

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Maintaining our Relationship with God

2 Peter 1:3,5-7, 10

as His divine power has given to us all things that [pertain] to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,... But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love... Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

Psalm 32:8-9 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse [or] like the mule, [which] have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

Maintaining our Relationship with God

Act 2:42-43

And they **continued steadfastly** in the **apostles' doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Being a Steward of our Calling

Good works prepared beforehand

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God **prepared beforehand** that we **should walk in them**.

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Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as [is] the manner of some, but exhorting [one another], and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Being a Steward of our Calling

A Life Worthy of the Invitation

Eph 4:1-3 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace

Preparedness

2 Tim 4:2-5

Be ready in season [and] out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, [because] they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn [their] ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Preparedness

Always ready to give an answer

1 Peter 3:15-17

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always [be] ready to [give] a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For [it is] better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Spiritual Gifts

1 Cor 12:4-7

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of all]

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a [the] gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-12

for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another [different] kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also [is] Christ.

Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:3-8

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, [being] many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, [let us use them]: if prophecy, [let us prophesy] in proportion to our faith; or ministry, [let us use it] in [our] ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness

Spiritual Gifts Use them or Lose them

Luke 16:10

"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.

Stewards of the Mystery

Mark 4:11

And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

1 Cor 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.

Ephesians 3:1-3

"For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly."

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