

A Parable on Stewardship

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Luke 12:39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."

Six Marks of Faithful Financial Stewards:

1. Give to _____.
2 Corinthians 8:3-5
2. Utilize a _____.
Luke 14:28-30
3. Avoid get _____ schemes.
1 Timothy 6:9
4. _____ regularly.
Proverbs 13:11 & 21:20
5. Get out of debt and avoid _____ purchases.
Proverbs 6:1-5
6. Avoid _____ and impulsive buying.
Luke 12:15

Financial Resources:

Apps: Quicken, EveryDollar, Banktivity, Mint

<https://www.crown.org/>

<https://www.ramseysolutions.com/>

"Solomon's 7 Secrets to Financial Freedom" by Bartlett

"The Total Money Makeover" by Ramsey

"Money Matters for Teens" by Burkett

"The Millionaire Next Door" by Stanley and Danko

Verses on the Surprising Return of Christ: Matthew 24:36, 42-44, Luke 12:40, 21:34, 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4, 2 Peter 3:10, Revelation 3:3 & 16:15

Verses on Contentment: Philippians 4:11-13, 1 Timothy 6:6-11, Hebrews 13:5

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from this teaching?
2. In your life, how is waiting for the Lord's return both an attitude and action?
3. Does the thought of eternal rewards motivate you? Why?
4. Which of the six marks of a faithful financial steward are you doing well?
5. Which of the six marks of a faithful financial steward do you need to grow in?
6. Pray for one another.

Next Week's Message: Matter of Honor, Part Three