

STEWARDS

OF

GOD

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”



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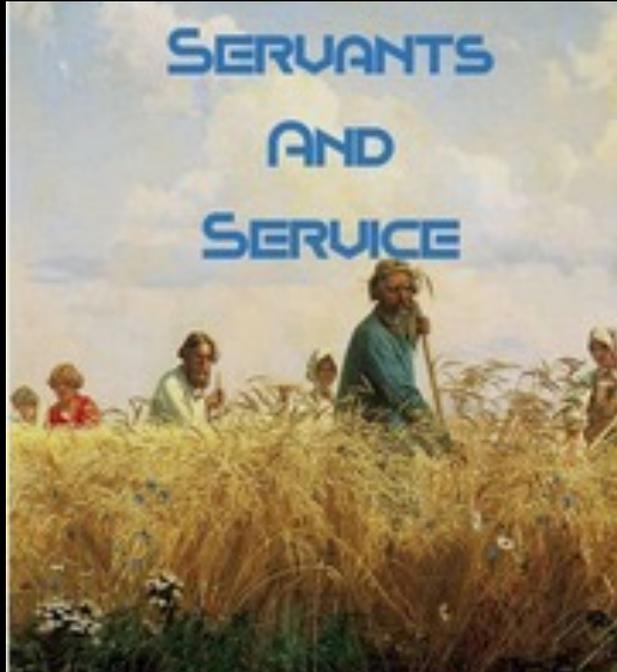
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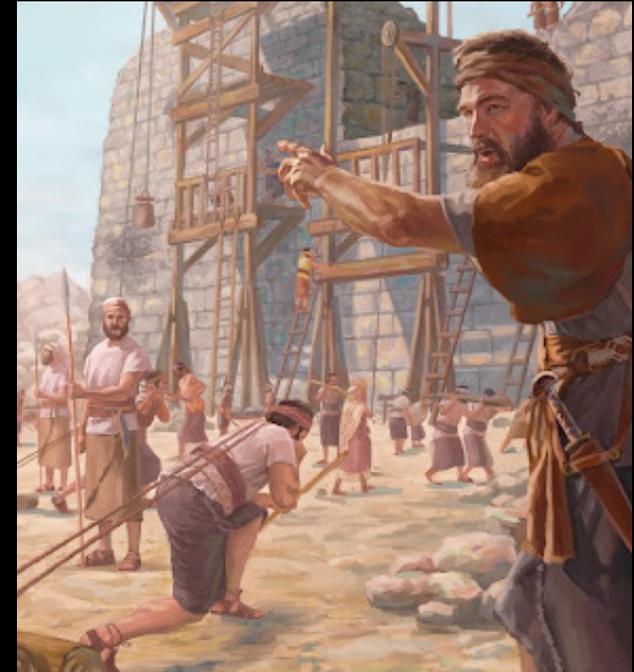
INTRODUCTION



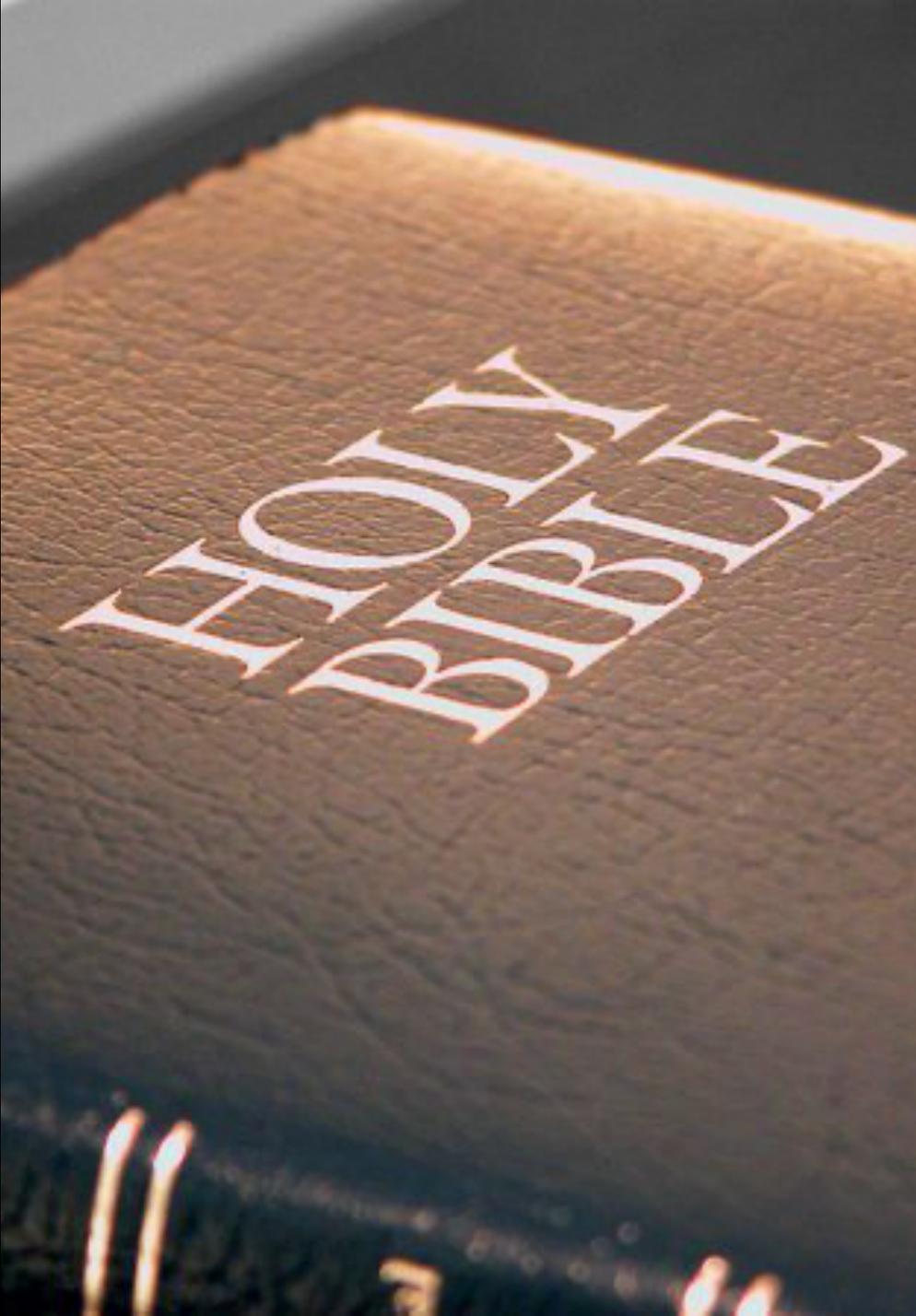
Servants - Greek
“hyperetas”
implies those
who show
humility by work.



Stewards - Greek
“oikonomos”
implies managers
who execute
judgment.



2 Chronicles 2:18



HOLY
BIBLE

NOT EVERY
SERVANT IS A
STEWARD, BUT
EVERY STEWARD
IS A SERVANT.

**CHRISTIANS MUST
BE BOTH!**

WHAT WAS A STEWARD?

Definition

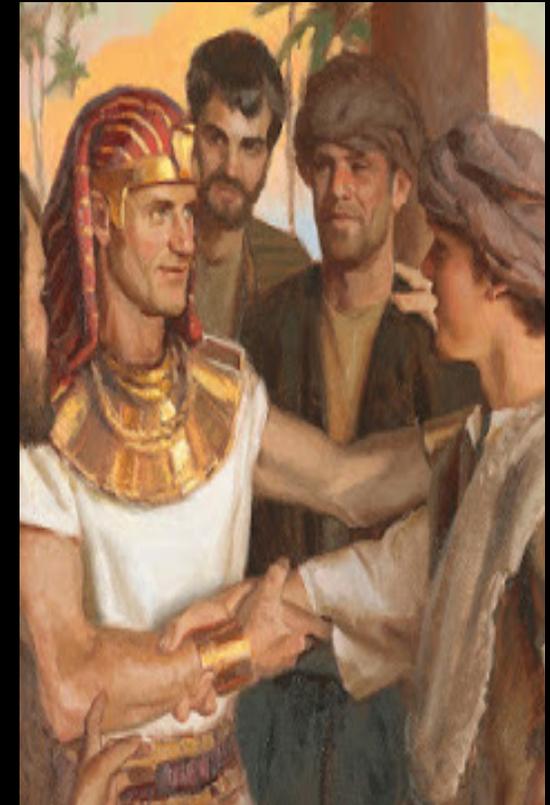
Stewards were those entrusted with some possessions that belonged to another.

Stewards are called “foremen,” “supervisors,” “directors,” or “overseers.”

Duties

Stewards oversaw:

- * Care of families
- * Care of palace
- * Day-to-day operation of estate
- * Distribution of resources



Genesis 39:4

WHAT DISTINGUISHED A STEWARD FROM A SERVANT?

1. Stewards had more responsibility. **Genesis 41:40**
2. Stewards were more accountable. **Luke 16:1-2**

Romans 14:12- Judgment is personal, complete, and assured. (2 Corinthians 5:10)



QUALITIES OF A STEWARD :

○ **1 Corinthians 4:2-** Stewards must be faithful.

God expects increase not excuse.

○ God expects forward improvement, not a required amount, **Matthew 25:20.**



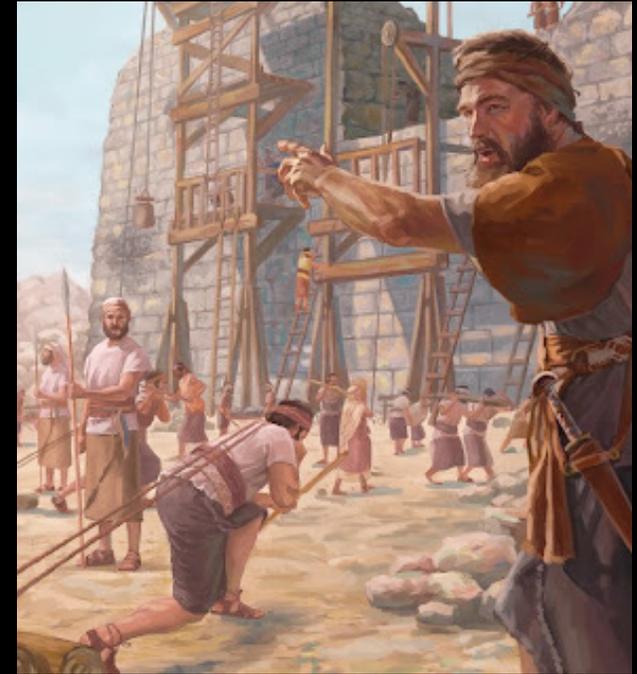
QUALITIES OF A STEWARD :

○ **Luke 12:42-** Stewards must be wise.

God expects his stewards to be ready and prepared.

○ **Matthew 24:46-** Good stewards demonstrate wise personal reflection and application in service when properly prepared.

WHAT ARE WE STEWARDS OF?



1. OUR ABILITIES

1 Peter 4:10

“Gifted for service”

2. OUR SOULS

Mark 8:35-36

3. HIS Gospel

1 Corinthians 9:17

Galatians 2:7

CONCLUSION

“But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior.”

-Titus 1:3

How can we neglect to do the same?

INVITATION

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Do You Need Jesus in Your Life?

- Hear the Word
- Believe the Word
- Repent from Your Sinful Ways
- Confess the Name of Jesus Christ
- Submit Yourself to be Baptized
- Live According to Gospel

Do You Need to Return to God?

- Repent from Your Sinful Ways
- Confess Your Sins to God
- Pray to God for Forgiveness
- Live According to the Gospel

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