

The Character of a Godly Steward



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- **Theme: The Year of Refreshing – “Everything Starts with God” (Psalm 46:1-11)**
 - **Purpose: to make us aware of our responsibility as stewards of God.**
 - **Goal: to encourage us to walk in obedience to God and to help us to maximize our ability to handle all that God has entrusted to us.**
- **Review:**
- 1. Seven Things We Should Know About Stewardship**
 - **Without an understanding of stewardship, everything that God has entrusted to us will be mismanaged. “Dr. Myles Munroe – When you don’t know the purpose of a thing, you will abuse a thing.”**
 - 2. The Priority of a Godly Steward. (Exodus 20:1-3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5)**
 - **Priority number #1 – God must be first in everything. (Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 8:11-18, Matthew 22:35-40)**
 - 3. The Attitude of a Godly Steward (Philippians 2:1-8)**
 - **An attitude to be useful. (John 9:4-5, Mark 14:35-36)**

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- **Today as we bring a conclusion to this series, I want to share with us “The Character of a Godly Steward.”**
- **The word “character” can be defined as a collection of personality traits within our behavior that shows who we are. It can be seen in our integrity, attitude and moral behavior.**
- **There’s not one person that is walking the face of planet earth who is born with “integrity or character” it has to be developed in our lives. (Psalm 51:5)**
- **One of the key components to character as believers is our belief in Jesus Christ.**

- Without a true belief in Jesus Christ everything within us rapidly diminishes. “Someone once stated, “If you don’t stand for something you will fall for anything.”
 - When our beliefs are not in proper alignment with Christ and His Word, our lives and even those around us will be negatively impacted.
- The Characteristics of a Godly Steward:
1. A Godly Steward is faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
 - The word “faithful” means to be reliable, dedicated, steadfast, unwavering and worthy of trust.
 - The word “faithful or faithfulness” is a time-tested attribute.
 2. A Godly Steward has integrity (honest). (Proverbs 19:1, 10:9)
 - If you are a born-again believer God expects us to walk in integrity.
 3. A Godly Steward is humble. (Matthew 23:12)
 - (Matthew 23:12) – Jesus said, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
 - The word “humility” or lowliness of mind, means to offer oneself as lowly and submissive; to walk in a spirit of lowliness; to be of low degree and low rank; not to be high-minded, proud, haughty, self-centered, or arrogant.
 4. A Godly Steward is obedient. (John 14:15, 1 John 5:3, 2 John 6)
 - (John 14:15-16) ¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
 - Our motivation for obedience is love. Jesus said if you love me you will keep my Word.
 5. A Godly Steward depends on God for wisdom. (James 1:5, Proverbs 2:6-8, Job 12:13, Isaiah 28:29)
 - Take comfort in the wisdom of God – He is the All Wise God!