

# Stewardship and Servanthood

## Mark 10:45

A steward is one who manages or oversees another's property. Acting in the stead of the owner fulfilling the request of the owner. Gen 2:15, Gen1:26, Gen. 39:4

God owns the earth and its fullness, this includes all that we are and obtain. What about our life, and our gifts or talents? The judgement of our life is His. Ps 139:13-16, 2Cor 5:10, Rom. 2:4-9, 14:10-12

1Chor 29:11, Rom 11:36, Ps 24:1

God entrusts us with the responsibility of being His representatives and our value of that trust is shown in how we manage His resources and His Word. 1Cor 12: 4-7, 11, 1Pet 2:9, Matt 6:9-10

Parable of the Talents provide insight into God's intention stewardship. According to the degree of these things we've been given, we are expected to produce increase for His glory. Matt 25: 14-30

Here are a few points shown in the parable:

- The owner leaves his goods with the servants because he will be gone for an extended period of time.
  - In this parable the owner is who? Acts 1: 9-11, Eph1: 20-23, Rev 1: 7
  
- The owner expectation is that the servants will respond as good stewards and handle his goods as the owner would.
  
- When the owner returned he called the servants to give an account.
  - What happened to the 2 servants that were diligent with the owner's goods?
  - What was the response of the last servant the owner talked to?
  - What criticism did the owner have for the last servant?
  - What happened to the servant who refused to invest himself into the owner's resources?
  - Is there a "day of reckoning" or a point in time when we will be called to give an account for how we have used or applied God's resources in this life?

Matt6: 19-21, 1Chron 29:3