

## REMINDERS

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Covenant Youth Anniversary

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Church Convention & Thanksgiving

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### Solution Nights for 2nd Quarter

July 18 | August 15 | September 19

### Watchword 2007

But upon mountain Zion shall be deliverance, there shall be holiness and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. (Obadiah 1:17)



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# Sunday School Pamphlet

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## Conclusion

The stewardship committed to your hand is very important, your faithfulness and your fruitfulness in it will determine the reward. Why not labour to have a good reward? A good steward will have a good reward and a bad steward will also have a reward, which one do you want? Will you not cry that day when others are having good reward and you don't have any? Check your life today, time is about over.

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## REASON/EXCUSES FOR CHRISTIAN BACKSLIDING

**Bible Reading:** Job 27:1-23

**Memory Verse:** Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place

### Introduction

It must be understood that man has part in his destiny. It is God's will that none perish but that all should come to repentance if men will not meet God's terms they will be lost Mark 16:16, Prov. 1:24-31. If any become saved the turn back on God and persist in rebellion, until death. God is not responsible. If it were up to God only to save the lost and take them to heaven, all would be saved, but since all are not going to be saved, this proves that man does have a part in the matter. Actually, the failure of any man to be saved is his own failure not God's.

### Explanation

1. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life I Jh. 2:15-17.
2. Jealous - Gen. 4:4-5
3. Fear of man - Gen. 12:12-15
4. Sex perversion - Gen. 19
5. Desire for children - Gen. 19:31-38
6. Covetousness - Jude 11
7. Absence of a leader at home, church etc. - Ex. 32:1-6
8. Desire to be like others - I Sam. 13
9. Self will and love of authority - II Sam 15:1
10. Listening to false prophets - I Kings 22:1-12
11. Love of Praise - John. 12:43.

### Conclusion

Stop giving God excuses.

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## EFFECT OF BACKSLIDING

**Bible Reading:** Deut. 28:58-67, Isa. 65:11-15

**Memory Verse:** But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. Isa. 65:11.

### Introduction

The theory that God will not punish, judge and condemn the people when they backslide and persist in sin and rebellion has no foundation any attribute, act promise, prophecy, covenant or revelation of God.

He is no respecter of persons and nothing can cause him to be unlike what He is and revealed Himself to be among. Such effects are:

### Explanation

1. Spiritual dryness - Ps. 106:13-16
2. Complete poverty - Heaven remains closed.
3. No more the head, but the tail
4. Cut off Matt. 25:30

### Way Out

- i. Seek for spiritual help/counseling from a man of God.
- ii. Read the Bible daily and keep a life of devotion. Thess. 5:39
- iii. Preach the word - II Tim. 4:2
- iv. Choose to change - Isa 55:7

### Conclusion

It is difficult to accept correction, to be told we have to change. But no matter how much the truth hurts, we must be willing to listen to it so we can fully obey God.

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## REWARD FOR YOUR DEEDS FROM GOD

**Bible Reading:** I Cor. 3:6-15, Matt. 20:1-8, I Cor. 9:16-27

**Memory Verse:** If anyone's work which he has built on it endure, he will receive reward - I Cor. 3:14.

### Introduction

Stewardship refers to an act of managing another man's property/estate. While reward is that which is offered in return for work done well.

If there is accountability, there must be reward. Every stewardship as reward, as a result every steward whether good or bad steward will receive reward for his/her stewardship. Matt. 25:21, 23, 30, 2 Cor. 5:10.

Reward is an outcome of every stewardship; it comes at the end of each stewardship account. Each act of stewardship is important, faithfulness is the bedrock of all stewardship. (I Cor. 3:8).

### Explanation

*What determines the reward to be received?*

- i. Faithfulness - I Cor. 4:2
- ii. Labour - I Cor. 3:8
- iii. Fruitfulness - Matt. 25:28
- iv. Endurance - I Cor. 3:14-15.

*Who will receive a good reward?*

- i. Those that did stewardship willingly - I Cor. 9:17
- ii. Those that did it according to the pattern and rule - I Cor. 9:27
- iii. Those that did it faithfully - I Cor. 4:2
- iv. Those that did it with the whole of their heart, mind and strength - II Cor. 6:4-10

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## ACCOUNTING FOR OUR DEEDS

**Bible Reading:** Matt. 25:14-30

**Memory Verse:** And behold, I am coming quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according to his work. Rev. 22:12.

### Introduction

There is a time of accountability in every stewardship, when the steward will stand before the master and render account of his/her deed. That day is going to be a great day, when the work of each steward will be exposed. The standard by which God will judge is still the same for all stewards.

### Explanation

#### A. *Why accounting?*

- i. So there can be reward
- ii. In order for each steward to be faithful.
- iii. So there can be diligence
- iv. In order to know the progress of our stewardship.

#### B. *Who will give account?*

Everybody will give account of his/her stewardship.

#### C. *When will this be?*

- i. When the stewardship ends
- ii. When the master comes back.

### Conclusion

In this accountability, God will use the same yard stick for every of his steward. There will be no preferential treatment as to who may be spared that day.

There cannot be reward for any steward without giving account of his stewardship. This is one of the crucial moments before the master, as this will determine where such steward will go. No one can escape this moment. What will be your account over all that had been entrusted unto you. What will you tell Him? Is there anything you will even account for? Be ready, Jesus is coming soon.

July 15, 2007

## STEWARDSHIP

**Bible Reading:** Phil. 2:9-11, I Cor. 6:19-20, 8:6, Rom. 14:6-9.

**Memory Verse:** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. Phil. 2:11

### Introduction

Jesus is the Lord of all and over all things. He is not just only a friend, a brother, our father or our God, but He is our Lord, having this right understanding about Jesus is what we need to succeed in life as a Christian, and the right understanding about Jesus has helped the men of old to live a life that was pleasing to God. This is one of the central pillars in Christianity, and it cannot be disputed. Christ Lordship over us arises out of His death and resurrection. Rom. 14:9

### Explanation:

#### A *Why is Jesus Lord?*

- I He created all things - Jh. 1:1-3, 14
- II He redeemed all things by His blood. Act 2:22-36, Rom. 14:9, Phil. 2:8-11
- III The father gave Him the Lordship over all things. - Jh. 13:3

#### B *What is He Lord over?*

He is Lord over all things (Jh. 13:3) both deed and the living. Rom. 14:9.

#### C *What is then our responsibilities to this Lord? (Act. 17:28)*

1. Do His will - Lk. 6:46, Jh. 13:13-14
2. Give all to Him.
3. Live our life for him - Gal. 2:9-10.
4. Be submissive unto Him.

### Conclusion

If He is the Lord of our life, why are we struggling to give Him our life and all that we have? Why can't we give Him our time and season? Why are we living as if we own ourselves? Jesus is Lord, and we have to understand and as a result given and use all for Him. Act. 17:28.

July 22, 2007

## GOD WANTS YOU TO WORK FOR HIM

**Bible Reading:** Matt. 20: 1-16; Jn. 44:35-38, I Cor. 3:5-9

**Memory Verse:** For we are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, you are God's building. - I Cor. 3:9.

### Introduction

God's vineyard is the world, and God uses men to accomplish his work on earth. There is so much work to be done in His vineyard that everyone is being called to come and work for him. This also is rewarding, because He will reward every laborer at the end of the work.

### Explanation

- A. *Why the need for Labourers in God's Vineyard?*
- i. The work is so enormous - Matt. 9:37.
  - ii. The harvest is ripe already - Jn. 4:35.
  - iii. God hates idleness - Matt. 20:6-7
  - iv. He needs men to be used (He has chosen to be using men).
- B. *Who is He calling?*
- i. Those that are idle - Mat. 20:3-6
  - ii. Those who are busy and enterprising - Mat. 4:18-19.
  - iii. Those that are willing to work for Him - Jn. 1:35-37
  - iv. We must all know Him - Jn. 33.
- C. *What is the nature of the work?*
- i. Planting,
  - ii. Tending.
  - iii. Keeping.
  - iv. Watering.
  - v. Reaping (Jn. 4:36-38, I Cor. 3:6, Gen. 2:15)

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## MASTER/SERVANT RELATIONSHIP IN CHRISTIANITY

**Bible Reading:** Matt. 25:14-30, Jh. 13:13-16, Lk. 16:13.

**Memory Verse:** Let a man so consider us, as servant of Christ and steward of the mysteries of God - I Cor. 4:1

### Introduction

In Christianity, we have master/servant relationship because Jesus Christ is our Lord (master), and we are His servants. For us to relate with him well, we must relate with Him as our master and been His servant, we must take to His instructions and be faithful unto Him.

We must be conscious that no servant is greater than His master, if our master (Jesus) can be faithful and obedient to Him that sent him, and in our stewardship, we to must be faithful

### Explanation

- A. *What master/servant relationship means*
- a. It means that in Christianity. We have master (Jesus Christ) and that Christians are servant unto Him - I Cor. 4:1
  - b. It means we have responsibilities towards Him as our master. Matt. 25:14-15
  - c. We are under His control, and has sole authority over us
  - d. We must be obedient unto Him as servant to master
  - e. We must honour him.
- B. *What the relationship requires*
1. We should be loyal - Lk. 16:13
  2. We must be a good follower - Job36:11
  3. We must obey and serve Him. Job 36:11
  4. We must develop to be like Him Matt. 10:25

### Conclusion

It is certain that Jesus Christ is our master, and we are His servants; and since servant must be loyal to their masters, Christians must be loyal to our master Jesus Christ. He too was loyal to his father (God), and as a result, He was honoured.

*C. How to be an effective Steward*

- i. By not being self centered.
- ii. Knowing that we are steward that will give account over them one day
- iii. By being lovers of truth.

**Conclusion**

A steward is not selfish, he/she consider others before him/herself, our family and our fellow brothers has to be considered as we consider ourselves, because they are god's property in our hand which we must see to their wellbeing. We must make impact upon their lives positively.

There is placement for everyone and there is still time to work for Him. Matt. 20:6

**Conclusion**

It is a privilege and glory to be a co-worker with God. He has chosen to use men and not angels to accomplish His task. Why not answer this call now? Whether you are in the third hour or eleventh hour of your life does not matter. There is so much to be done in the vineyard God. The reward is certain.

July 29, 2007

## THE MAKING OF A GOOD STEWARD

**Bible Reading:** Ex. 2:11-15, 19-25; 31:1-10. Act 9:1-15, Gal 1:10-18.

**Memory Verse:** For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure - Phil. 2:13.

### Introduction

God has a way of preparing His own stewards. He made them into good steward by himself (Phil. 2:13). He only requires their full submission and surrendering and by these He will do the moulding through which they can come out to be good steward.

### Explanation

A. *Who is a good steward? Matt. 25:20-23, Col. 1:9-10*

Is someone that has been entrusted with a thing (Stewardship) and knows that as a trustee he/she has a duty to play, according to the wish of the master (Owner).

B. *What are the things needed to be known as a good steward?*

- i. Good knowledge about the master (Owner)
- ii. Good knowledge about the master's need.
- iii. Good knowledge about what to do.
- iv. Doing it.

C. *How is a good steward made? Matt. 3:14*

Jesus is the maker of His Stewards. He make them and change them into good stewards by:

- i. Be with Him
- ii. Learn with Him

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## STEWARDSHIP OF FAMILY AND FELLOW BROTHER

**Bible Reading:** I Thess. 2:1-20, 4:9-11, Act. 9:36-39, Matt. 25:34-40, I Tim. 5:1-8, Eph. 5:21, 6:9.

**Memory Verse:** Learn to do good, seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

### Introduction

Because all belong to God, we are steward of all things with and around us. Our families and our fellow brothers are entrusted unto us as stewards to be taking care of. We hold a great responsibility towards our family and brothers, in fact, God so much affirm it. So we can see His seriousness. So our families and fellow brothers should be held as God's property that has been entrusted into our hands.

### Explanation

A. *Stewardship of families Co. 3:18-21*

- i. We must show God to them - Act. 16:33-34
- ii. We must provide for them
- iii. We must be praying for them
- iv. We must show love to them
- v. We must be instructing them.

B. *Stewardship of fellow brothers - I Thess. 4:9-11*

- i. Be a good example to them - Phil. 3:17
- ii. Labouring in prayer for them - I Thess. 1:2, Gal. 4:19

*C. Reward for proper steward*

- i. More is given
- ii. Prosperity in all he/she does
- iii. There will be no lack

**Conclusion**

Why are you denying God what belongs to Him? He owns money you have! Those prosperities with you belong to Him! Why can't you use it for Him and in helping others, so that He can give you more? If you do this, you are storing reward.(read Hag. 1:2-8,2:8).

- iii. Receiving His vision.
- iv. Pursuing His vision.

**Conclusion**

In the making of a good steward, God enrolls someone from the school of breaking, moulding and making. He removes and adds where necessary. Deut. 8:2-5, 15, 16.

Have you submitted yourself? Have you not abandoned this process of making? Unless He moulds you, you can not be a good steward.

August 05, 2007

## QUALITIES OF A GOOD STEWARD

**Bible Reading:** 2 Tim. 2:1-26, Matt. 5:11-16

**Memory Verse:** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matt. 5:16

### Introduction

Of a truth God need steward, but He is not so pressed with this need that will just take any entrusts things (stewardship) 11:5 too has a standard.

### Explanation:

#### A. *Qualities expected of a good steward*

1. Faithfulness - I Cor. 4:2
2. Humility - 2 Tim. 15:22
3. Obedience - I San. 15:22
4. Availability
5. Teachable
6. Diligence - I Pet. 4:10, I Tim 2:15
7. Good behaviour Matt. 5:16
8. Endurance 2 Tim. 2:3,10

#### B. *How to develop these qualities*

- i. Been born again.
- ii. Studying and meditating on the world
- iii. Praying
- iv. Walking
- v. Fasting

### Conclusion

God will not give unto you any stewardship until you develop the qualities He requires. Have you proved yourself a good steward in and out? Do you have the required qualities? Strive to develop these qualities which He requires. You can be a good steward.

August 30, 2007

## STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY AND PROPERTY

**Bible Reading:** I Chron. 29:1-7, Ps. 50:8-13, Act 2:4-46, I Tim. 6:17-19

**Memory Verse:** And what do you have that you did not receive? - I Cor. 4:7b

### Introduction

As each has received a gift, minister to one another as a good steward of the manifold grace of God. (I Pet. 4:10). There is nothing we have that we do not receive. The way we use our money and properties in helping others and in building the kingdom of God determines whether we are good stewards or not. Silver and Gold to God, then every silver and gold in our hands are only entrusted into our hands to be used for Him. I Chro. 29:12-14, 16, Hag. 2:8

### Explanation

#### A. *Why entrusting money and properties unto us*

- i. To build the kingdom of God. Zech. 1:17, I Chron. 29:3-16
- ii. To help others (some people's destiny are tied to your own) Act 2:45, pro. 28:27, I Tim. 6:18.
- iii. To be able to do what God wants you to do on earth.

#### B. *Qualities required of us*

- i. Faithfulness - Lk. 16:11, Mal. 3:8-10
- ii. Consecration of God - Ps. 50:7-14, I Tim. 6:17
- iii. To favour the programme of God on earth. (when you favour this, your future is secured) - I Tim. 6:19
- iv. Don't be lovers of pleasure
- v. Don't be a wastrel manage your wealth - II Tim. 1:14

- v Any time used improperly is a time spent in evil. (David as an example II Sam. 11:1-4)

*C. How to use our time*

- i. In the things of God.
- ii. In accomplishing the purpose of God in our life.
- iii. In helping others
- iv. In watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

**Conclusion**

Time is created by god (Gen. 1:1-31) and this time is now entrusted to us as stewards that will give account one day. How we spent every second matters so much because we will give account. What is now your decision over your time? Decide wisely! Jesus is coming soon.

August 12, 2007

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP

**Bible Reading:** Gal. 2:20, Col. 1:12-22, I Cor. 6:19-20

**Memory Verse:** For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain - Phil. 1-21

**Introduction**

Whatever a man thinks that he owns, he uses it as it pleases him. But when we realize that we are just custodians, we handle the thing with great care. Some of us use our life any how or misuse it forgetting that it belongs to God. (Gen. 2:7). We are living a borrowed life (Gal. 2:20), we are not the owner, then, we should handle it in a way that it will please the owner who is Christ.

**Explanation**

*A. Christ as owner of your life, How?*

- i. Through creation (he created us) - Gen. 2:7, Col. 1:16.
- ii. By purchasing us through His blood - II Pet. 1:18,19,I Cor. 6:19
- iii. He is the one living in us - Gal. 2:20
- iv. He gave it unto us through His knowledge - II Pet. 1:2-4

*B. How to handle our life*

- 1. As a steward Phil. 1:21
- 2. As someone who will give account

*C. What we must do*

- i. Honour God with it - Ps. 145:10
- ii. Engage it in His business. Phil. 1:20-25
- iii. Keep it pure for Him. II Pet. 3:14

**Conclusion**

Can you say boldly that you are handling your life for God as a steward? Do you remember that one day the master, who owns your life, will ask you, how you have used the life I gave to you? Will you be able to satisfy Him with your answer? You are living a borrowed life and you will give account. Matt. 25:19-28.

August 19, 2007

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

**Bible Reading:** I Cor. 12:1-11, Matt. 25:14-30

**Memory Verse:** But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for the profit of all

### Introduction

Gifts are given freely without working for it, and so is talent which is a natural endowment bestowed upon men by God freely. But as free as it is, God is expecting something from anyone that possess the gift and talents; profit.

### Explanation:

#### A. *What are gifts and talents?*

- i. Gifts are freely given. Especially the gifts of the spirit, the Holy Spirit gives when we receive Him. e.g. prophecy, healing. e.t.c.
- ii. Talents are natural endowments from God e. g. singing, drumming, e.t.c.

#### B. *Why they are given*

- i. To profit with them - I Cor. 12:9, Matt. 25:2-23
- ii. For equipping of the saints
- iii. For the work of the ministry
- iv. For the edifying the body

#### C. *How to use them*

- i. Use them to glorify God only.
- ii. Use them to profit for God,
- iii. Use them as someone who will give account.

### Conclusion

God gave freely as he wills, but He expects us to profit with them. And as a result, we have to handle those gifts and talents as good stewards. Matt. 25:20-23.

August 26, 2007

## STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TIME

**Bible Reading:** Eccl. 3:1-8, gen. 1:1-31, Eph 5:16, I Thess. 5:1-2.

**Memory Verse:** Redeeming the time, because days are evil - Eph. 5:16

### Introduction

Time is life. Time is the only commodity we use and it can never be recouped again. Yet, we have no control over it. If we don't move with time, time will surely move without you. Life consists of time that has been measures out unto us for work. It is seen seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. It belongs to God, and we are just a steward over our time.

### Explanation

#### A. *What is the Time?*

- i. Time is the passing of life. If one has problem in managing time, then one has problem in managing lives.
- ii. Time is the most valuable resource; it can not be stored or saved.
- iii. Time does not discriminate all of us have the same amount of time (60 minutes in an hour e.t.c.)

#### B. *Fact about Time*

- i. Anything that waste your time is your enemy.
- ii. To tell what or who a man worship, look at the distribution of his time His God has the largest share.
- iii. Each person meets each second, minutes, hour, day, and twice. He meets in the first time when it comes upon him and at the judgment seat for a second time to give account of how his time was spent.
- iv. Every time wasted must be redeemed back.