



GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Teaching on Tuesday Virtual Bible Study via Facebook Live (11/10/2020)
Four Things You Must Accept to be a Faithful Steward - Matthew 25:14-30

REVIEW: God is the Owner of Everything – 1 Chronicle 29

- God is the **Creator** and made everything.
- God **owns everything**.
- **God Entrusts** to people what He desires. This is called **Stewardship**.
- The 4 T's of Stewardship: **Time, Talent, Temple, Treasure**.

KEY PRINCIPLE: Stewardship is being entrusted by God to be managers of all He has given us.

WE ARE GIVEN DOMINION - Read Genesis 1:26-28

Reflective Thoughts: When you hear the word 'ruler', what comes to mind? Is it someone you want to emulate? A strong hand or a dictator? A monarch? A servant leader?

There are certainly negative examples of rulers both in the world and in scripture; however, **we cannot minimize our God-given authority** to exercise dominion out of fear. To rule or have dominion simply means we are given the responsibility **to care** or **be stewards** over God's creation. Stewardship is the practice of managing properly **ALL** that God has entrusted to us, whether it be time, talent, money resource, influence, or our total lives.

GOD EXPECTS FAITHFULNESS - Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 & Matthew 25:14-30

Four Things You Must Accept to Be a Faithful Steward

1. Your Unique Gifts v. 14-15

Everyone is gifted, but everyone does not have the same gifts or the same number of gifts. You are called to recognize, embrace, and use the gifts God gave you to fulfill your purpose.

2. Freedom v. 15

God guides us, but God does not dictate your every step. When you use your gifts, you are called to exercise your best spiritual judgment and take risks. This is part of our faith journey.

3. Responsibility v. 16-18

God gave you your gifts as a call to action. No matter how big or small you think your gifts or contributions are God expects you to faithfully use and grow your gifts.

4. Accountability v.19-30

While you do have freedom, God holds you accountable for how you chose to use it. If you responsibly use your gifts God will grant you even more, but if you waste your gifts God will take them away.

Reflective Thoughts: Do I dedicate time and energy to the unique gifts God has entrusted me with? Do I spend most of my time helping others be faithful with their gifts? Do I fear freedom? What big thing has God called me to do? If I reviewed how I used my time, talent, temple and treasure this year, would God be pleased with my service?