

## LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

- 1: What is the connection between leadership and stewardship
- 2: What is God's expectations from a leader as a steward
- 3: What are some biblical principles of stewardship
- 4: Stewardship as a call.

### Introduction

- In this kingdom we rise not just by desire but how much light we have accessed and engaged with. A desire does not bring results your desire gives you the inner strength, the fortitude the tenacity, drive. Pursuit of your desire brings resolve engaging with the word brings the result.
- Accessing this light is as a result of humility and desperate pursuit but engaging with the light is a product of faith, understanding, obedience and courage.
- Accessing the word is not safe; for it gives you potential to manifest, until you start to engage with the word do you bear results.
- **Knowing truth does not bring result until you engage the truth.** To hold a pool of spiritual knowledge does not bring result until you are accessing the grace thereof to engage the word. It is at the level of engaging the word of God where his integrity is committed. It's at the point of obedience when the power is released.
- When he presented the talents with the stewards, the one with 5 talents engaged, the one with two engaged and the one with one did not engage. Increase is a product of doing something with the grace and the dimension God has given you.

### Leadership

I believe there is a leader in everyone waiting to serve his or her generation. It is essential therefore that you change your concept of leadership now and see yourself the way your creator sees you. We are not all the same but we are all leaders in our own unique ways.

**What is Leadership?** - Leadership is Influence. The word '**Influence**' comes from the Latin **influere**, meaning to flow into

Influencing is soft power. It's independent of one's positional power or hard power. It allows a leader to get things done and to achieve desired outcomes without compulsion.

Leadership is a collective social process leading to direction, alignment of will, and a commitment toward the common goal. Leadership is achieved by influencing oneself or other people in a particular direction. It is the ability or the art of an individual or a group of individuals to influence / motivate and guide people to act towards achieving a common goal.

### **From Biblical Perspective**

From a Biblical perspective, "Leadership is the act of influencing/serving others out of Christ's interests in their lives so they accomplish God's purposes for and through them, from the overflowing deposits of God's abundance in their heart".

Paul speaking about leadership, he said "not looking into your own interest but each of you to the interest of the other" Philippians 2:4. The overflowing blessings deposited in your heart should overflow and fulfil other people's needs. The greatest teacher of all ages Jesus Christ; said to his disciples the following words. "Whoever wants to become great among you should become your servant" Mathew 20:26.

### **Stewardship**

The English dictionary definition of stewardship. n. 1. One who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs. 2. One who is in charge of the household affairs of a large estate, club, hotel e.t.c

Psalm 24: - The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

God owns a house that is called his kingdom and all that is in it. If God owns everything, you and I own nothing including your own life for it can be taken away from you.

You are to manage you are not to own.

**Your Life** is yours to manage, not yours to own. It's a sin not to maximize your potential

**Stewardship means** protecting and expanding the properties of the owner. As a Steward you maintain the integrity and increase the value of the property.

1 Cor 4:1- 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.**

### **Mathew 25:14-26 stewards of money**

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

<sup>15</sup> And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several abilities; and straightway took his journey.

<sup>16</sup> Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

<sup>17</sup> And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

<sup>18</sup> But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

### **Four aspects of stewardship**

#### **1. The principle of ownership.**

the psalmist begins the Psalm 24:1 with, The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

#### **2. The principle of responsibility.**

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it.

#### **3. The principle of accountability.**

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us. The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-28)

#### **4. The principle of reward.**

In [Colossians 3:23-24](#) Paul writes: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in [Matthew 25:21](#): Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

## **As a steward,**

1. You are committed to communicate the dimension that you have been entrusted until those under your care rise to that reality. As a Steward you are not supposed to keep it, but to allow it flow to the people.
2. Stewardship means protecting and expanding the properties of the owner. As a Steward you maintain the integrity and increase the value of the property.
3. God has given us so much freedom to handle what he created. In fact, he has given us much freedom that we can handle what he created to the devil.
4. Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.