

1. Stewards in the Old Testament

- a) Genesis 2:15
- b) Genesis 24:1–4
- c) Genesis 39:1–4
- d) What do these stewards have in common?

2. Stewards in the New Testament

- a) 1 Corinthians 4:2
- b) Matthew 25:14–15, in this parable of Jesus, how does the owner of the estate relate to his servants/stewards?
- c) Luke 16:1–13, what lessons can we learn from the story of the unjust steward?
- d) What examples of faithful stewardship do you see in the New Testament?

3. Stewards of the mysteries of God

- a) 1 Corinthians 4:1
- b) Colossians 2:1–3
- c) 1 Timothy 3:14–16
- d) What is expected of those who are stewards of the mysteries of God? Romans 10:13–17
- e) What does Paul mean when he speaks of “holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience”? 1 Timothy 3:9
- f) Is there anything we can do to become more faithful stewards of the mysteries of God?

4. Stewards of the gifts of God

- a) 1 Peter 4:10–11
- b) Romans 12:3–8
- c) 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
- d) Ephesians 4:7, 11–16
- e) While we are all stewards of various gifts of God, what are we all expected to do?
- f) What gifts of God have you been called to use as a faithful steward?
- g) How would you answer a friend who says, “How can I be a faithful steward of God’s gifts to me if I don’t even know what they are?”

5. Our accountability as stewards

- a) Matthew 25:19–30
- b) What lesson can we learn from this parable about the secret of being a faithful steward?
- c) What promises of Jesus assure of that we will be effective and faithful stewards as long as we remain connected to Him?
 - i) Matthew 4:19
 - ii) John 15:1–8
 - iii) Matthew 28:18–20
- d) Have you ever felt anxious about being held accountable as a steward of Jesus Christ? How can we move from anxiety to peace and joy?

