

STEWARDSHIP

Outline #6 The Marks of a Good Steward

Scripture Song: I Will Praise You, O LORD (Psalm 9:1–2)

1. Faithful

- a) I Corinthians 4:2
- b) Luke 16:10-12
- c) Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19
- d) Revelation 2:10
- e) Why is faithfulness such an important characteristic of a Christian steward?

2. Loyal

- a) Matthew 6:24
- b) Joshua 24:15
- c) 1 Chronicles 28:9
- d) When is a person's loyalty most severely tested?
- e) Name someone in the Scriptures who models absolute loyalty to God.

3. A clear conscience

- a) Hebrews 13:18, we have a good conscience
- b) Acts 23:1, I have lived in all good conscience
- c) 1 Timothy 4:1–2, a conscience seared with a hot iron
- d) Think of a time in your life when you dulled or defiled your conscience. How did you become aware of your loss of spiritual sensitivity?
- e) Is it possible to have a cleansed and restored conscience? Hebrews 9:13–14; 10:19–22

f) Share your experience of having a cleansed and restored conscience once you accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

4. Obedient

- a) Hebrews 11:8
- b) 1 John 5:2-3
- c) 1 Samuel 15:22
- d) When is it appropriate to disobey God in order to accomplish what He asks us to do as His stewards?

5. Trustworthy

- a) Genesis 39:1-6
- b) Matthew 25:14-17
- How can we learn to be as honest and industrious when no one is looking as we would be if our supervisor was closely observing us? Genesis 39:9b
- d) Think of someone you regard as completely trustworthy. How did that person gain your trust?

6. Discussion questions

- a) Since we will all have to give account to God for our stewardship, would it be better to be given small responsibility rather than great responsibility? Luke 12:38b
- b) How does one go about developing one of these desirable characteristics of a good steward?

