

Stewardship Part-II
{I Corinthians 4:2}

“Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful”

Background Scriptures: *But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. [Ephesians 4:7-8]*

Note: (1): The Parable of the talents warns us that our place and service in heaven will depend on the faithfulness of our lives and service here (Matthew 25:29). A talent represents our abilities, time, resources and opportunities to serve God while on earth. These things are considered by God as a trust that we are responsible to administer in the wisest possible way.

Objective: To exam and learn from scripture, how God wants us to be faithful stewards with our finances, time, talents, other tangible abilities and resources, as well as the opportunities given by God to represent, support, and advance the Kingdom Ministry Jesus Christ has called us to. **“Greater Works”** and apply both to **the spiritual** and **the natural**.

[John 14:12]: *Verily, Verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the work that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father.*

Note: it is Jesus’s desire that His followers do the works the He did **(1)** the “greater things” include both the work of converting people to Christ and performing of miracles. This is shown in the narratives of Act **(Acts 2:41), 43; 4:33; 5:12)**. And in Jesus’s declaration in **(Mark 16:17-18)**. **(2)** The reason for the “greater things” done by disciples is that Jesus will go to His Father, send forth the power of the Holy Spirit and answer prayer in His Name **(vs.14)**. The disciples’ “greater” works include greater numbers and greater scope of ministry.

Spiritual Gifts

[I Corinthians 12:4-11/Romans 12:6-8]

Manifestation-al/Motivational

[I Corinthians 12:4-11]

(Manifestations of The Spirit)

**[Romans 12:6-8]
(Motivational)**

Note: Paul lists what can be called the gifts of grace (**GK. Charismata**). They are inward desires or dispositions as well as enablements or abilities (**Philippians 2:13**) given by the Holy Spirit to individuals in the congregation to build up God's people and express God's love to others. Every believer has at least one such gift. However, one's primary gift does not exclude the exercise of any other of the gifts as need may arise. Paul's list of seven grace gifts should be taken as representative rather than exhaustive.

**The Parable of The Talents
[Matthew 25:14-15, 24-30]**

Final Thought: Now he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. [1 Corinthians 3:8].