Faith Aflame: 360 Degrees

Stewardship Conversations

Session Three – Number Seven

1 Corinthians 4:1

Talking about Being Faithful and Trustworthy Stewards

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

Stewards are managers/trustees/caretakers of what belongs to another. Christian stewards are children of God who have been entrusted with God's resources to be used for His purposes.

Stewards were often placed on property of the owner at some distance from his presence. The steward's job was to take orders from the owner, carry out those orders in due process, and then return to the owner and render his account.

- *How does such a description fit us as God's stewards?*
- *How does such a description fit our congregation?*

There are a number of qualities that might be desired in a steward. Things like knowledge, skills, ability, and experience. While some or all of these qualities might be appreciated, the quality that is absolutely indispensable in a steward is faithfulness.

The owner needs to be able to trust the steward. He needs to have confidence that the steward is completely reliable. The steward must be trustworthy not just in his own eyes, but especially in the master's eyes.

- *Why is this so important?*
- *What can happen when we become the judge of our faithfulness?*

Matthew 25:14-30

Read the Parable of the Talents

- *What words did the master use to describe the steward who was entrusted with five talents? Why?*
- *What words did the master use to describe the steward who was entrusted with two talents? Why?*
- *What words did the master use to describe the steward who was entrusted with one talent? Why?*

Rolf Jacobson writes referring to this parable, "The third steward

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