

A person is kneeling on the bank of a stream, washing a large, dark, round object, possibly a piece of pottery or a large bowl, in the water. The person's hands are visible, and they are focused on the task. The water is clear and reflects the light. The background shows the stream and some vegetation.

# Stewardship of Our Time and Talents

Luke 19:12-26



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- As servants entrusted with a charge, we are stewards of God's blessings
  - The Gospel
    - Matt. 28:18-20 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
    - Rom. 1:16 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”



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- As servants entrusted with a charge, we are stewards of God's blessings
  - The love of God for men
    - Matt. 5:13-16 - “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

A photograph of a person washing their hands in a shallow stream of water. The person's hands are cupped together, and water is splashing around them. The background is a blurred natural setting with rocks and water.

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- As servants entrusted with a charge, we are stewards of God's blessings
  - Encouragement for the saints
    - Heb. 10:24 - “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”
    - 1Thes. 5:14 - “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

A person wearing a blue t-shirt is crouching on the bank of a stream, washing their hands. The water is clear and flowing over rocks. The background is a lush, green forest. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# Stewardship of Our Time and Talents

- Stewardship is often considered in terms of material objects, things that can be maintained or managed in a physical way:
  - Money, the earth, abundance
- It is also things we do not commonly think of in terms of stewardship, intangibles like:
  - Time, ability, opportunity

A person is kneeling on a sandy beach, looking down at the sand. The person is wearing a blue t-shirt and dark shorts. The background shows the ocean and some rocks. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Stewards Of Time

- Eph. 5:15-16 - “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”
- The problem with time: arranging our priorities
  - Matt. 6:33 - “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
  - “Put God first.”
  - No, put God BEFORE

A person is shown from the chest down, leaning over a large, dark metal bowl. They are washing their face with water. The background is a natural outdoor setting with some vegetation and a body of water. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon.

# Stewards Of Time

- Necessary functions

- Working for a living

- 1Tim. 5:8 - “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

- Guiding the family

- Eph. 5:23 - 6:4

A person is kneeling on a wooden floor, their head bowed in a gesture of prayer or reflection. The lighting is soft and focused on the person, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the individual's actions.

# Stewards Of Time

- Necessary functions
  - Busy with study and good works
    - James 1:27 - “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”
    - 2Tim. 2:15 - “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
    - Titus 3:8 - “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”

A photograph showing a person in a dark blue shirt washing the feet of another person lying on a dark surface. The scene is dimly lit, with the person's hands and the feet being the primary focus of light. The background is dark and textured.

# Stewards Of Ability

- 1Peter 4:10-11 - “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.”



# Stewards Of Ability

- A misconception commonly held by brethren is that since God has given everyone the same set of instructions, we are all the same
  - Rom. 12:3-6 - “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...”

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a blue t-shirt, leaning over a large, dark, shallow basin. They are washing their hands with water. The background is a natural, outdoor setting with some greenery and a dirt path. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast day or a shaded area.

# Stewards Of Ability

- Matt. 25:29 - “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”
  - God has given everyone abilities
  - If we use them, God will bless us bountifully.
  - If we do not use them, what we have will be taken away

A person is kneeling on a sandy beach, looking down at the sand. The person is wearing a blue shirt and dark shorts. The background is a blurred view of the ocean and sky.

# Stewards Of Opportunity

- Gal. 6:10 - “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
  - Many times opportunities are fleeting; one may only recognize the potential when they are gone, and was unprepared to take advantage
  - Opportunities require more stewardship than time and ability; they require that we search for them

A person is kneeling on a dark, textured surface, possibly a rug or mat. They are wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. Their hands are clasped together over their chest, resting on their heart. The person's head is bowed, and they appear to be in a state of prayer or deep reflection. The background is dark and out of focus.

# Stewards Of Opportunity

- 1Peter 3:15 - “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”
- James 4:17 - “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

A person is kneeling on the ground, washing their hands in a large, shallow, dark-colored basin. The person is wearing a blue shirt and dark shorts. The background is a natural, outdoor setting with some vegetation and a body of water in the distance. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon.

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- You will give an account in the Day of Judgment, not only for what you did in this life, but also for those things that you did not do
- The Lord did not accept the excuse of the lazy one talent servant. What makes you think he will accept yours?