

Seven Areas of Stewardship III

“Treasure”

A steward is one who actively manages and faithfully oversees the affairs, enterprise, and business of another.

Stewards are held accountable for their actions, failures, progress, and success.

Treasure is something of great worth or value.

Treasure is a person esteemed as rare or precious.

Treasure is a collection of precious things.

I

You are a treasure.

NKJV Matthew 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like **treasure** hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy, over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Your self-image is critical to good success.

We are image-bearers.

NKJV Genesis 1:27 So God created man **in His own image; in the image** of God, He created him; male and female He created them.

- How you see yourself determines how you treat yourself.
- How you see yourself determines how others treat you.
- How you see yourself determines how you permit others to treat you.

II

You have treasure in you.

You are a bundle of untapped potential.

Explore the ways of the Spirit in you.

NKJ **2 Corinthians 4:7** But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Under man's law, we are created equal under the law.

By God's creative genius, we are created unique.

Don't compare yourself to anyone.

NKJV **2 Corinthians 10:12** For we dare not class ourselves or **compare** ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, **measuring** themselves by themselves, and **comparing** themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Don't measure yourself by others.

NLT **2 Corinthians 10:12** Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only **comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement**. How ignorant!

Christ is the standard!

- Jesus is the pattern and model.
- Measure up to Him and His standard.

III

You are given treasure to work with and iinvest.

- You are not given the same thing.

NKJV **Matthew 25:15** And to one he gave **five** talents, to another **two**, and to another **one**, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

Develop, increase and multiply what you have been given.

- You are given something.

^{NKJV} **Luke 19:13** So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘**Do business** till I come.’

NLT says, invest this while I’m gone.

Mess says operate with this till I return.

^{KJV} **Luke 19:13** And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy** till I come.

Occupy means *spread out with your influence till everything fills the impact of your presence.*

Increase, multiply and develop the treasure He has given you.

- Everything He gives you is in seed form!
- Treasure is designed to produce more!
- Treasure does its best work when invested in the right place.