

Seven Areas of Stewardship VII

“Rewards and benefits”

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.

Stewards are required to be faithful.

To be faithful is to be reliable.

To be faithful is to be consistently dependable.

Be consistently dependable in your character, judgments, performance, and results.

There are benefits to faithfulness.

NLT **Luke 12:43** If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward.

I

The reward for faithful **work** is more responsibility.

NLT **Matthew 24:45** “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom **the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.** ⁴⁶ If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, **there will be a reward.** ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant **in charge of all he owns.**”

- The reward of a faithful worker is more work!

II

The reward of faithfulness in **little things** is responsibility in cities.

NLT **Luke 19:17** Well done!’ the king exclaimed. ‘You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, **so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.**’

When you are faithful, you are characterized as trustworthy.

You are found worthy of trust through faithfulness.

- Respect is given!
- Trust is earned over time!
- Be reliable!

III

The greatest benefit to faithful stewards is hearing His voice at the end.

KJV **Matthew 25:23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

The benefit of Stewardship has eternal value.

KJV **Revelation 2:10** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

Mess **Revelation 2:10** Fear nothing in the things you're about to suffer—but stay on guard! Fear nothing! The Devil is about to throw you in jail for a time of testing—ten days. It won't last forever.

"Don't quit, even if it costs you your life. Stay there believing. I have a Life-Crown sized and ready for you."

- Be faithful to the end!
- Be faithful unto death!
- You will receive a crown of life!