

#### "HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I MUST DECREASE"

John 3:30

## PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

- 1. It's all about Him
- Components of the stewardship
- 3. The accountability



## I. IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM (1)

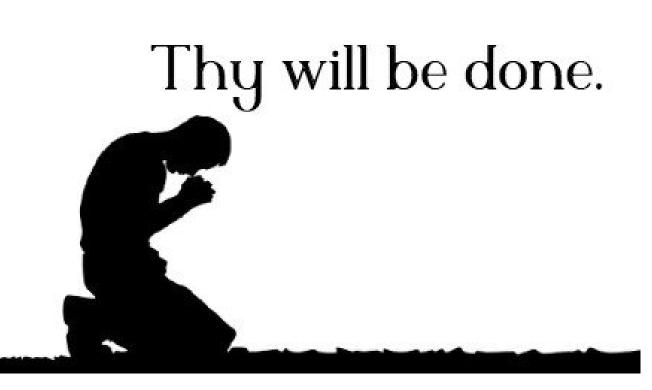
- "All things were created through Him and for Him" Colossians 1:16
- He is the master; the owner and I am his servant. I am not the center of the universe!
- "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice" John 3: 29



### I. IT'S &LL &BOUT HIM (2)

- "Thy will be done".

  It's the realization that everything is His.
- "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
  Blessed be the name of the LORD."
  Job 1:20
- Managing the stewardship with His manual (the Scripture)



## I. IT'S &LL &BOUT HIM (3)

- Seeing life through His eyes:
  - ✓ "My brethren, count it all
    joy when you fall into various
    trials, knowing that the testing of
    your faith produces patience"

James 1: 2-3

- √"So let him curse,
  because the LORD has said to him,
  'Curse David.' Who then shall say,
  'Why have you done so?'"
  - 2 Samuel 16:10





# II. COMPONENTS OF THE STEWARDSHIP (1)

- 1. An entity: body, family, job, money, church, etc.
- 2. Talents: "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability"

  Matthew 25:15
- 3. Role
- 4. Limits
- 5. Time

#### II. COMPONENTS OF THE STEWARDSHIP (2)

- Common Themes among different roles:
  - 1. "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" John 10:10
  - 2. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" Galatians 2:20
  - 3. "... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15
  - 4. "... and you shall be witnesses to Me" Acts 1:8



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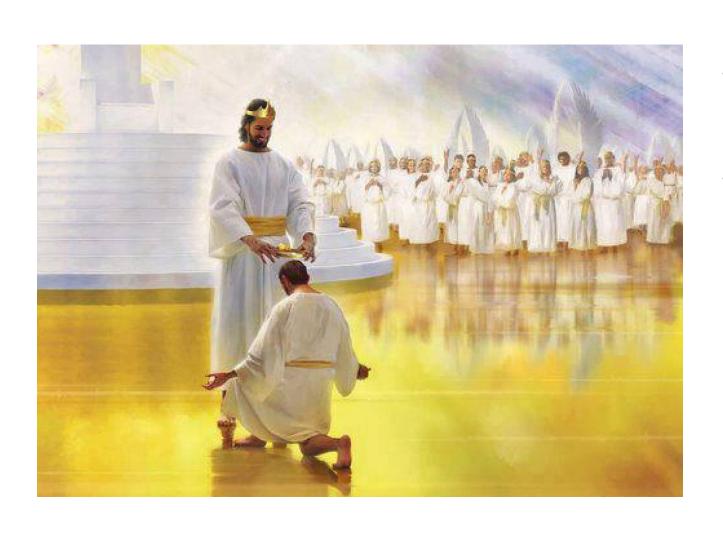


#### • Expectations:

1. Faithfulness: "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful" 1 Cor. 4:1-2

2. Wisdom – Bearing Fruits

#### III. THE ACCOUNTABILITY (1)



- "Give an account of your stewardship" Luke 16:2
- Life as a test and a preparation for a more glorious role:

  "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

Matthew 25:23

## III. THE ACCOUNTABILITY (2)

- God wants his stewards to succeed.
   He will aid them in everyway to make them fruitful.
- Frequent evaluations and assessments of how well the stewardships are is a necessary step to make corrections before we hand them over to the owner.
- Flee the temptation of stealing the stewardship or use it for own benefits.

