



## Am I a Faithful Steward of His Resources

### HT 302 Lesson 2 Text

#### Luke 16:1-13

In Israel, at the time the Scriptures were being written, we couldn't be a rich man unless we obeyed God's Word: Luke 12:16-21, Malachi 3:10, and Proverbs 3:7-10. The word steward and stewardship is the Greek word oikonomos or oikonomia – financial management.

Any prosperity we have was given to us by God.

We are not an owner but a steward.

The master rebuked the steward for not handling his finances correctly.

The steward was too old to dig and too ashamed to beg, he decided to try to undo his unfaithfulness with his master's goods and money.

The unjust steward was commended by the lord after making deals with the debtors.

Verse 9 ..... make friends with money.

**The wrong handling of money can get us kicked out of the house, but repentance and the right handling of money can get us back in.**

The way we handle money, which to God is least on His scale, determines how much of the true riches we can receive from God.

The more we are faithful with money, we will probably be faithful with the anointing, our own ministry, gifts of the Spirit, or other riches of heaven.

Faithfulness is more than just tithing and giving. I must do all that the Word of God teaches in regard to money in order to be found faithful.

Matt. 5:14-30 teaches that one of the things we must also do is learn how to use the money already entrusted to us to make more money.

Some Christians think that buying and selling (trading) is an unchristian thing to do.

We have to trade to become an expert at learning value in order to buy something at one price, sell it at a higher price and make a profit.

In Matt. 25:21 Jesus said to the ones who made a profit, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

Matt. 25 is a parable about productivity.

If we want God to put more resources into our hands, we must become productive with the resources that are already in our hands.

## **Luke 19:12-27**

A pound denotes a sum of money equal to one third of a year's wages. At \$30,000 a year a pound would be \$10,000.

Occupy means to do the business of buying and selling.

The nobleman gave them "venture capital."

His subjects hated him and sent a message refusing to do what he told them to do with their money.

The first question he asked was what did you do with the money I put in your hands?

When the first servant told the lord he had gained 10 pounds, the lord gave him authority over 10 cities and likewise to the steward of 5 pounds.

God looks at our ability to handle money and use money for His Kingdom as a qualifier for increased authority over His people.

The Lord took the pound from the wicked (unproductive) servant, who was condemned by his own words (fear), and gave it to the one who had 10 pounds.

The lord did not tell them to take from those who had some and give to those who didn't. He told them to take it from the one who would not learn how to increase it and give it to the one who would.

The lord called those citizens who refused to be instructed on increasing their money his enemies.

Borrowing is not contrary to the Word of God if you borrow for increased value.

II Kings 4:3 – The prophet told the widow woman to go borrow jars and not a little but a lot. Borrowing in order to make a profit for Him is not displeasing to God.

I Kings 10:28 Solomon was buying horses, chariots and fine clothing in Egypt for a price and selling them to heathen kings.

Malachi 3:10 The Place of Tithes and Offerings.

*"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there might be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

For this Scripture to work, as a tither one must have the fullness of the revelation of tithing. The reason this buying and selling will not work if a person is not a tither is because they need the discernment and witness of the Spirit of God to determine how to invest their money: how to buy and how to sell. That discernment is tied to the tithe.

Creek mentality thinks pour out a blessing means the finished product.

The Hebrew word is barucha.

There are two Hebrew words for blessing: baruch and barucha.

Baruch is the finished product, the thing we're looking for.  
Barucha is what we say over our food before you eat it: a blessing.  
Benediction- Latin: bene – good, diction – words. Together they mean good words.  
In Hebrew, this Scripture means:

"If you bring all the tithes into my storehouse, then I will open up a window in the Spirit and I will come over and I will begin to pour through that window a flow of good words. And if you will hear and obey, the revelation of my Spirit will cause you to walk in paths that will cause you to have such prosperity that you will have no room to receive anything more."

Most people want the prophet to speak a flow of good words over them. However, we need to know which steps to take.

A window does two things: it lets in light and fresh air.... fresh revelation.

The word flow means a continuous ongoing avalanche, a bombardment, of words from the Spirit of God.

When we determine we are a steward and not an owner, we show it by tithing, which allows us to hear the voice of God saying, "This is the way. Walk in it."

Philippians 4:19 – *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

Riches in glory is a Hebrew idiomatic expression meaning creative, genius ideas, thought and concepts.

Paul is saying: "Now my God shall cram you full of employment, business and money by giving you creative, genius ideas, thoughts and concepts that if you hear them and obey, will cause you to have all your needs met."

Paul was writing to a people who had qualified themselves by being faithful with their tithes and offerings in supporting the gospel ministry dedicated to filling the earth with His glory.

Proverbs 6:6-9

*"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, o sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?"*

The Holy Spirit is teaching us a lesson in economics by telling us to observe the ant. Learn how to let the summertime of our lives provide for the wintertime.

Learn to have reserves and how to avoid spending everything you have.

Proverbs 13:22

*"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."*

A good man learns how to get wealth without forsaking God and godliness:

1. To establish the Covenant of earth.
2. To fill the earth with the glory of God.
3. To create an environment where there can be an inheritance for 3 generations.

Qualifications for ruling:

1. Redeemed and made righteous by the Blood of Jesus.
2. Mature.
3. Focused on a single purpose: to bring glory to God in my lifetime.
4. Know proper balance between law and mercy.

### **Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents.**

How much wealth will God entrust to us?

According to our ability to handle it.

He will not trust us with more until we use what we have well.

We can increase our ability to handle money:

It will cost us time and money: take a course, read a book, or partake of a seminar.

We must be willing to consciously and conscientiously go forward determined we're going to do everything in our power to increase our ability to handle money.

When we do, God will cause money to increase in our hand.

Pseudo Christian dysfunction:

"God wouldn't want me to learn how to increase my ability to make money, He just wants me to praise Him."

The person with money who is a praiser of God will do more in establishing God's Covenant than the person who has no money but who also is a praiser of God.

"I don't need an education. All I need is the anointing."

The anointing breaks the yoke. It doesn't make us smarter or more educated.

Proverbs 11:24

*"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty."*

The world says if you save it, one day you'll be able to have it and enjoy it.

The demonic realm says that savings causes you to gain.

The average American who starts working at 18 has \$600,000 go through his hands by age 65.

Then they have less than \$800 in savings at age 65.

Saving money doesn't gain money. Saving money loses money.

Money is put into our hands for us to increase it. We have to put it to work.