

*Note: The Word "tithe" means a tenth. God requires that of all our income we return a tenth of it to the Lord and a free will offering of an undetermined amount. In Old Testament times, tithe was used to support the Levites in their priestly work. (See Numbers 18:26). Today, tithes should be used to support the ministers, evangelists and teachers of the gospel so they can give their full attention and time to their appointed work. (See 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14)



*Note: "Our money has not been given us that we might honor and glorify ourselves. As faithful stewards we are to use it for the honor and glory of God. Some think that only a portion of their means is the Lord's. When they have set apart a portion for religious and charitable purposes, they regard the remainder as their own, to be used as they see fit. But in this they mistake. All we possess is the Lord's, and we are accountable to Him for the use we make of it. In the use of every penny, it will be seen whether we love God supremely and our neighbor as ourselves." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 352.

*Answer 4: Time

11) What does the Bible say about how we must use our time? -Ephesians 5:16

1 - Faithful stewards will red__m [improve every opportunity or make the best use of] the "t__me."

*Note: "The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it. Life is too short to be trifled away. We have but a few days of probation in which to prepare for eternity. We have no time to waste, no time to devote to selfish pleasure, no time for the indulgence of sin. It is now that we are to form characters for the future, immortal life. It is now that we are to prepare for the searching judgment....We are admonished to redeem the time. But time squandered can never be recovered. We cannot call back even one moment. The only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that which remains, by being co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 342.

*Answer 5: Health

12) What does the Bible say about the importance of taking care of our health? -1 Corinthians 10:31

1 - We must "e__t" and "dr__nk....to the gl__r__ of G__d."

*Note: "Health is a blessing of which few appreciate the value; yet upon it the efficiency of our mental and physical powers largely depends. Our impulses and passions have their seat in the body, and it must be kept in the best condition physically and under the most spiritual influences in order that our talents may be put to the highest use. Anything that lessens physical strength enfeebles the mind and makes it less capable of discriminating between right and wrong. We become less capable of choosing the good and have less strength of will to do that which we know to be right." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 342.

Appeal) Will you be a faithful steward with your talents and opportunities God has bless you with that He may bless you with more?__.

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Lesson 24: "The Faithful Steward"



The Bible makes it clear that every person is either a servant of God or a servant of Satan. Jesus refers to his servants as "stewards", or managers. What has God given us to be managers over? We are managers over our talents! God requires that his stewards are faithful with their talent if we are to be saved. When we are faithful, God will even bless us with more talents! What talents has God given us to manage and how can we be faithful stewards? Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and find out!

1) How does the Bible refer to every man that has received the gift of salvation? -1 Peter 4:10.

1 - The Bible refers to every man that "rec__ived the g__ft....as g__od st__wa__ds of the m__nif__ld grace of God."



*Note: The Greek word for "steward" is "oikonomos," which means manager or trustee.

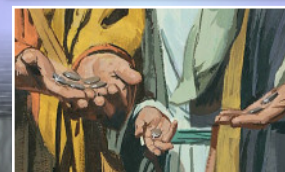
God has made us all managers.

2) Seeing that we are stewards or managers, what does God expect of us? 1 Corinthians 4:2.

1 - "It is r__quired in st__wa__ds, that a man be found f__ithf__l."

3) What does the Bible liken the kingdom of God to? -Matthew 25:14.

1 - "The kingdom of heaven is as a m__n tr__veling into a f__r co__ntry, who called his own serv__nts, and d__livered unto them his g__o__s.



4) How many talents did the man give to his 3 servants? -Matthew 25:15

1 - And unto one he gave f__ve tal__nts, to another t__o, and to another o__e.

*Note: A "talent" in biblical times was a gold or silver coin that was a specific weight. Jesus used the talent to symbolically represent the gifts, abilities, talents, privileges and opportunities that God has blessed us with. The fact that the man gave a different quantity of talents to each servant tells us that God has blessed every person with a different amount of gifts and abilities.

5) How many talents did the 3 servants have when the man returned? -Matthew 25:16-18

- 1 - "He that had received the f_v t_lents went and traded with the same, and made them other fi_e talents."
- 2 - "He that had received t_o, he also g_ined other tw_."
- 3 - "He that had received o_e went and d_gg_d in the earth, and h_d his l_rd's money."

*Note: Though, each servant received a different number of talents, two of the servants doubled what they had. In like manner, when we utilize the blessings which God has given us for good, God blesses us with more. Investing it will take diligent work and may even seem risky, but the end result is twice as much as what you started with.

6) When the Lord returned, what did he say to the two servants that doubled their talents? What did he say to the one who hid their talent? -Matthew 25:19-30

- 1 - "W_ll d_ne, thou g__d and f_ithful Serv_nt: thou hast been f_ithful over a few things, I will make thee r_ler over many things."
- 2 - "Thou w_cked and sl_thful servant." "Take therefore the t_lent from h_m, and give it unto him which hath t_n t_lents." "Cast ye the unpr_fit_ble serv_nt into outer d_rkness."



*Note: We learn from this parable the importance of being a faithful steward with what God has blessed us with. If you are unfaithful, it will cost you your soul's salvation and you will find yourself being punished with the unbelievers outside of the holy city!

***Question: What are some gifts and blessings which God expects us to be faithful stewards over?**

***Answer 1: Mental abilities / education**

7) What does the Bible say we must do to strengthen our mental abilities? -2 Timothy 2:15.

- 1 - "St_dy to shew th_s_lf appr_ved unto G_d....rightly dividing the w_rd of tr_th."

*Note: "God requires the training of the mental faculties. He designs that His....

.....servants shall possess more intelligence and clearer discernment than the worldling, and He is displeased with those who are too careless or too indolent to become efficient, well-informed workers.....The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others.....Do not spend your means for the gratification of appetite, or in pleasure seeking. Be determined to become as useful and efficient as God calls you to be. Be thorough and faithful in whatever you undertake. Procure every advantage within your reach for strengthening the intellect. Let the study of books be combined with useful manual labor, and by faithful endeavor, watchfulness, and prayer secure the wisdom that is from above. This will give you an all-round education. Thus you may rise in character, and gain an influence over other minds, enabling you to lead them in the path of uprightness and holiness....True education means more than the colleges can give. While the study of the sciences is not to be neglected, there is a higher training to be obtained through a vital connection with God. Let every student take his Bible and place himself in communion with the great Teacher." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 334, 335.

***Answer 2: Speech**

8) What does the Bible say God requires of our speech? What will we be held accountable for in the day of judgment? -Colossians 4:6, Matthew 12:36, 37.

- 1 - "Let your sp_ech be alway with gr_c_, seasoned with s_lt."
- 2 - "Every i_le w_rd that men shall sp_ak, they shall give account thereof in the d_y of j_dgm_nt."

*Note: "The power of speech is a talent that should be diligently cultivated. Of all the gifts we have received from God, none is capable of being a greater blessing than this. With the voice we convince and persuade, with it we offer prayer and praise to God, and with it we tell others of the Redeemer's love. How important, then, that it be so trained as to be most effective for good." -White, E.G. Christ's Object Lessons, pg. 334, 335.

***Answer 3: Money**

9) Who gives us power to get wealth? -Deuteronomy 8:18.

- 1 - We must "remember the LORD thy G_d: for it is he that giveth th_e p_w_r to get w_alth."

10) What does the Bible say that Abraham gave to Melchizedek? What does God require of us in order for us to be faithful stewards? What will God do if we are faithful in this? -Genesis 14:19, 20, Malachi 3:8-10.

- 1 - Abraham came unto Melchizedek and "gave h_m t_th_s of all."
- 2 - We must be faithful in returning "t_thes and off_ring" and God will open the "w_ndows of he_ven and pour y_u out a bl_ssing, that there shall not be r_om enough to r_ceive it."