

SOP: Giving an Account of our Stewardship

First Creation:

Genesis 1:28—Be fruitful and Multiply—fill the earth and subdue it

Genesis 9:1—after the flood

A New Creation: II Corinthians 5:17 (Matt 28:18-20-Great Commission)

Be Fruitful

Multiply

God's stewardship:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 13:6-9

What were we made for: Ephesians 2:10—we are His workmanship—created for good works

Parable of the Talents—Matthew 25:14-30

- According to ability
- Forfeiture due to wrong understanding of God

Definition of stewardship:

The office, duties, and obligations of a steward; the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Take an Account

You can't steward what you want—must steward what you have.

Temple (How do you care for it?)

Time (How do you balance it?)

Talent (How do you recognize it?)

Treasure (How do you invest it?)

Territory (How do you 'govern' it?)

Testimony (What is your story?)

The Calling of a Steward

- A steward belongs to the Lord---not just the resources that he/she oversees. This keeps us as a vital part of the household of God.
- A steward has learned the difference between being a manager and being the owner.

- A steward has learned to be attentive to the voice of the Master—ready, willing, and able to accomplish the Master's will instead of his own—paying the price of 'dying to self' in order to live for the will of the Master.
- A steward has a personal response-ability as well as a corporate response-ability.
- A steward functions in the world (often within set systems) and yet is not of the world (its motivations and goals)
- Stewardship is not the road to becoming your own 'master'—it is the way of a 'servant'.
- A steward has an eternal perspective while in temporal circumstances.