



GOD OWNS IT ALL, Sermon 14

“The Stewardship of  
CPC” Part 2  
Luke 12:42–48

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“The Stewardship of a congregation means the intentional use of every opportunity to carry out Christ’s commitment to save mankind. The baptizing of souls, the starting of schools, the erection of buildings, the raising of funds, the evangelistic crusades, the Sabbath school lessons taught, the volunteer labor on the buildings, the Vacation Bible Schools—on and on.”

Stewardship of CPC, Part 1





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“That they all may be one...”

John 17:21, first part



# Where Divisions Are Possible



- Personality conflicts
- Temperament imbalance
- Economic mix
- National and racial mix
- Age and generational differences
- Varying spiritual levels
- Doctrinal factions
- Varying longevity in Adventism
- Family problems that effect church
- Individual insecurities
- Apostasy
- Hypocrisy
- Disrespect for leadership



# Christ states His Mission clearly:



- **John 3:16** We bring the good news of God's salvation plan.
- **John 3:17** We bring hope not condemnation.
- **John 3:14** We are to lift Jesus and make Him the center.
- **Matthew 28:19** We are to go to people and not wait for them to come to us.



# Christ states His Mission clearly:



- **Luke 19:10** If people are hard to find we are to seek for them. That means put a value on their salvation, even if they do not value their own salvation.
- **Luke 4:18** We are to touch every valley of human struggle.
- **Matthew 19:27–29** We must be willing to give up even material comfort for the sake and cause of Christ's body.
- **Acts 1:8** We are to work at home, nearby and abroad for the sake of the Mission of Christ.



# 2 Corinthians 12:10



- Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.



# 2 Corinthians 4:7–11



- v.7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.
- v.8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
- v.9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;



## 2 Corinthians 4:7–11



**v.10** Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

**v.11** For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.





- “When hearts sympathize with other hearts burdened with discouragement and grief, when the hand dispenses to the needy, when the naked are clothed, the stranger made welcome, to a seat in your parlor and a place in your heart, angels are coming near...”

Christian Service, p. 187





- “Every ray of light shed upon others will be reflected upon our own hearts. Every kind and sympathizing word spoken to the sorrowful, every act to relieve the oppressed, and every gift to supply necessities of our fellow human beings, given or done with an eye to God’s glory, will result in blessings to the giver.”

Ibid. p. 270





- “Doing good is an excellent remedy for disease. Those who engage in this work are invited to call upon God and He will answer them.”

Ibid.





- “In fellowship with God, with Christ, and with holy angels, they are surrounded with a heavenly atmosphere, an atmosphere that brings health to the body, vigor to the intellect, and joy in the soul.”

Ibid., p.271



# Luke 12:42–48



**v.42** And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

**v.43** Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.



# Luke 12:42–48



**v.44** Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

**v.45** But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;



# Luke 12:42–48



**v.46** The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.



# Luke 12:42–48



**v.47** And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.



# Luke 12:42–48



**v.48** But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.





# We Want . . .

- ◆ to advance.
- ◆ to be a church that serves the world through its worship.
- ◆ to be a congregation that has a genuine breakthrough with its surrounding community.
- ◆ to be a church that can continue to lift only one offering in each of its worship services and meet all of it's obligations at home and away.
- ◆ to be a church that truly loves it self and others and moves beyond a poor practice of the **Sermon on the Mount**





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