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MORNING MESSAGE

“Wanted: Christian Stewards” Series

“The Foundation of Christian Stewardship”

1 Corinthians 4:2

I. THE DEFINITION OF A STEWARD

A. The word “steward” is found 14 times in the New Testament

1. The word literally means “a house manager”

a. Matthew 20:8, “So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward...”

b. Luke 16:1, “There was a certain rich man, which had a steward...”

c. 1 Corinthians 4:1, “Let a man so account of us, as ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God”

2. Warren Wiersbe, “A steward is a servant who manages everything for his master, but who himself owns nothing”

II. THE DEMAND OF A STEWARD

A. Although the English word “required” is found 21 times in your Bible, the Greek word is only used twice

1. Luke 12:48, “For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required”

2. The word can be translated “demanded” or “essential”

III. THE DUTY OF A STEWARD

A. Paul gave the duty in one word: faithful

1. The Greek word means to be “trustworthy” or “reliable”

2. It is the word used to describe God

a. 2 Thessalonians 3:3, “But the Lord is faithful...”

3. It is the word used to describe believers

a. 2 Corinthians 4:17, “I have sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved son and faithful in the Lord”

b. Ephesians 1:1, “...to the saints which are at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus”