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Title: Stewarding God's Kingdom In Honor

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In the series on Jesus and His ministry, this will be the seventh message and is entitled, "Stewarding God's Kingdom In Honor."

l Corinthians 1:9
"God is faithful, by whom you were called (say, "that is me") into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

l Corinthians 4:1-2
I love how he starts this out saying that "God is faithful," and because He is faithful, He calls you to fellowship with Jesus Christ. Then he turns around and says, "Let a man so consider us as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that one be found faithful." So, because the Faithful One has called us, we are transformed into being faithful, to serve Him, to be stewards of what He has entrusted to us, and to be good stewards of the mysteries that He reveals to us individually and corporately as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Matthew 24:44-51 TPT
"So always be ready, alert, and prepared, because at an hour when you are not expecting Him, the Son of Man will come." Who is the one qualified to oversee his master's house? He would be a wise servant, who is both faithful and dependable?" One He can depend upon. The master will want to give him the responsibility of overseeing others in His house. For His servant will lead them well and give them food at the right time. What joy and blessing will come to that faithful servant, when the master comes home to find him serving with excellence. I can promise you, the master will raise him up and put him in charge of all that He owns. But, the evil servant says in his heart, "My master delays His coming. Who knows when He will return. And because of the delay, the servant mistreats those in His masters household instead of caring for the ones he was appointed to serve. He abuses the other servants and gives himself over to eating and drinking with drunkards. Let me tell you what will happen to him. His master will suddenly return at a time that surprises him. He will remove the abusive selfish servant from his position of trust. The Master will cut him in two and assign him to the place of great sorrow and anguish, along with all the other pretenders and unbelievers."

I thought that was really well spoken, very well articulated.

Matthew 24:45-51 NKJV

Luke 12:47-53 TPT
"Every servant who knows full well what pleases His master yet who does not make himself ready and refuses to put his master's will to action will be punished with many blows. Every servant who does not know his masters will and unwittingly does what is wrong will be punished less severely. For those who have received a greater revelation from their master, are required a greater obedience. And those who have been entrusted with great responsibility will be held more responsible to their master. I have come to set the Earth on fire, and how I long for every heart to be already ablaze with this fiery passion for God. But first, I must be immersed into the baptism of God's judgment. I am consumed with passion as I await its fulfillment. Don't

think for a moment that I came to grant peace and harmony to everyone. No for My coming will change everything and create hostility among you. From now on even family members will be divided over me and will choose sides against one another. Fathers will be split off against sons and sons against fathers. Mothers will be against daughters and daughters against mothers. Mothers-in-law will be against brides and brides against mothers-in-law— all because of me."

Luke 12:47-48 TPT
Every servant who knows what pleases His master yet does not make himself ready and refuses to put his masters will to action will receive many punishing blows. Every servant who does not know his master's will and unwittingly does what is wrong will receive a less severe punishment. For those who have received a greater revelation from their master are required a greater obedience. And those who have been entrusted with great responsibility will be held more responsible to their master."

That is the Kingdom, amen? "To those who have been entrusted with much, much is required." Yes? It is that goodness and severity and seriousness of the Lord's Kingdom. He who is called Faithful has called us individually. Then we form His household to serve Him faithfully. Not just to serve Him, but He entrusts to us great responsibility. He distributes. He calls forth. He sets into offices. He appoints. It starts with your individual salvation and works outward, doesn't it? You are responsible for your "yes" to Jesus, no one else. In the end, we know when we see Him face to face, what a glorious day. Only you and He get to discuss this matter. Correct? We owe no man anything, but to love them. But, we are accountable to the Lord. He is very serious about His kingdom.

These stories that I am reading to you from the scripture today, were spoken by Jesus. Not some pastor or leader who is trying to get you to do something. This comes from the Head of the House. This comes from the King. This comes from the Master. This comes from our Husband, Jesus. You have to hear His heart, and you have to be empowered through it. His words are life. The Spirit of God through the word of God, will come in and He will divide between the thoughts and intents of your heart, Hebrews 4:12. He will come and divide between your soul and your spirit. He will come and divide even between joint and marrow. That is the work of the Spirit.

As you read these passages, you are drawn in to His heart. You are drawn into His passion. You are drawn into His commission and mission. You are drawn into the seriousness that Jesus has for His Kingdom. You are drawn into the reality of, "oh, my God, you have entrusted to me the Kingdom of Heaven. You have entrusted to me a call." You have entrusted to me the life of Jesus, both to take care of my own house, families, and those that God calls to you, where you are called to work, and how you are called to serve Him. But, it starts here with you first.

I do not want you to just see this and read it and think, "this is for them." No, we have to put you in here, because we are individually saints and living stones in the Body of Christ, every joint fitted together. We are the body of Christ. You can meditate on these. You can read on these and know that He who is faithful has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. He turns around and He entrusts to us His heart. He entrusts to us mysteries. He entrusts to us revelation. He anoints us and enables us to serve Him in the capacity that He has called us to serve Him in. He knows our frame. He knows us all and we know that we "can do all things through Christ who strengthens us," that "we have an anointing from the Holy One," and we know it very well. In that anointing, Holy Spirit will teach us and lead us into all truth. You know this. The Holy Spirit wants to refine and sharpen and encourage and exhort us today.

I want to read you this passage I wrote down in worship. He said to "position yourself for advancement." What I am bringing you today, on December 5, He is saying, "position yourself for advancement." We are faithful stewards. We are faithful stewards. Say, "I am a faithful steward" for the Lord is entrusted to us. That is good news. If you are mommies and daddies, you have babies and family members, correct? You are responsible for them, correct? A faithful steward, yes? We can go on and on with every call, every anointing, relationships, ministry, those of you who oversee. But, He is telling us to position yourself for advancement. Personal revival starts in you.

Personal revival in advance starts in you. So, that is why Jesus has so much fire, and He just gives us His fire. Jesus has so much fire, and He gives us His fire. Jesus has so much fire, and He gives us His fire. When the fire starts in you, because you are a faithful steward, then you are just like your Master. You already start faithfully stewarding. Once you are given that fire, *you give it* to the closest one there. But, it starts in you. It starts in me first, and then that fire spreads. It spreads. It is a fire of His zeal, His jealousy, His love, His passion, and His heart to do the Father's will. He is the Master. He is the Head. He is our Husband. He is the Boss of the Church. The church is submitted to Him. We are called to do His will not our own.

Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV
See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth but also heaven. Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."

You can hear that when you go back and you read the stories from Jesus as I have already read. You hear that instruction. This was the apostle writing this word, but he is walking in the kingdom. He has been stewarding something that God Almighty has given him and now he has seen it. He is stewarding the mysteries of God and he continues to teach that to those that had been entrusted to Him. To this day, we still eat of the Spirit from His table of what has been taught, and the doctrine that has been released to the Christian faith. We continue to feed from His table and hear what the Spirit was saying. His voice is relevant, always relevant to your today. That is why He says, "Today, if you hear the word of the Lord, do not harden your hearts." Yes, today. It is about today.

Sometime since maybe the Fall of 2019 to 2020. I do not remember which sermon it was, but I went off, and I still feel the fire from this verse. I remember that the fire of God on this was that, "we serve and we are part of an unshakable kingdom." You have been called to the Master's table. You have been called to the Body of Christ. You have been called, singularly picked, and appointed. You have been chosen to serve Him, because the One who is faithful has called you and we are entrusted with these mysteries. We are constantly understanding, "oh my God, this is it!" This fire, the consuming fire of Jesus Christ, His passion, His zeal, His heartbeat, and God's passion for you is the Holy Ghost in you. Holy Ghost in you, Christ in you, the hope of glory. Holy Ghost in you is carrying a fire. A Kingdom that cannot be shaken ever. But, the things of this earth, the kingdoms of this earth, and the nations are being shaken, have been shaken, and will continue to be shaken to the very end. God's Kingdom reigns over all, and shall not ever be shaken. *Do* you hear His heartbeat?

He said to position yourself for advancement. You guys are going to take off this month. This is December. Ask Him, just take off. Bless you! He is calling you to position yourself. Position

yourself for advancement. I have taken that place this month for myself, personally at His call. But, He says position yourself for advancement. Where does that advancement start? It starts in you, personally. *You say*, “Well, I need to fix him. Well, I need to fix her. Well I need to fix them.” No, you need to fix yourself. It starts here, and then let the fire burn. Let the fire burn. Let it spread as you encourage, strengthen, exhort and build each other up. This is an amazing word!

Now, I want to encourage you. I am going to interject *a prophetic word within this message this morning*, by the grace of God, “anoint me Jesus.” You have no idea how thick *(the anointing)* is up here. I am going to put this in the middle of this message because it works this way and is what Jesus said to do. I actually heard this piece of a prophetic word from Chuck Pierce. Some of you may have already heard it from Generals International Prophetic Summit. You will understand how it fits in with what Holy Spirit is encouraging us in this morning.

He speaks these words from Jesus, he says, “Are you ready to be established in your “new?" Are you ready to be established in your “new?” Now, I just told you “position yourself for advancement,” because anytime God advances, it is new, new wine, and new strength. Position yourself for “new.” Are you ready to be established in your “new?” Building means you are being established. You are being trained for today and for the future, and it is a process.

I am a builder. I understand this. By the grace of God, I understand this. Building means you are being rooted. You are standing strong in what God Almighty has put in you to do, and what He has called you to believe in His Kingdom. You are being rooted. You are being fixed. You are standing strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Building means you are being established. Whoever builds his house upon the Rock shall not be moved. Yes, because it is an unshakable Kingdom. Everything is shaking, but you are fixed. You are focused. You are planted. You are established in the House of the Lord. You are in Christ's Body. You are the Bride of Jesus, amen. So, He says, “building means you are being established.

We are being trained for today and for the future. It is a process. We are adding sons and daughters to a structure that will continue on. Yes, one generation to the next. So, your leadership ability is not just about your leadership. It is about who you are raising up. Mommies and daddies, it is not just about you as mom and dad, but it is about those children you are having and those grandchildren you are having and those great grandchildren and those great great grandchildren and on and on. It is about those sons and daughters of the Kingdom that you are giving your life to and that you are stewarding faithfully. The mysteries God has put in you, in your seat, in your chair, with the anointing He has given you faithfully, faithfully, faithfully steward all that He has given to you unto God, who is the Wise and Faithful Steward.

He says war is intensifying. There are conflicts ahead. There are certain keys to learn from the early church. Number one, joy, look at their joy. There are certain keys to learn from the early church. Joy, and we say, “Well, that was so easy for them because they were with Him.” Well, that is what you think, right? They were with Him, so of course they have more joy. You know? Where is He now? I know He is in heaven with the Father. But, we know great Holy Ghost is in us. Yes? “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.” Who is the Head of the Kingdom? Jesus! You see it shifting our mindset.

“Well, of course they had joy. How many years has it been? “Look, look, look, take a peek and look what Jesus Christ has built, and what He will continue to build till the end. It looks like flesh, and it looks like you and me and like these children. It looks like the Household of God to me. Oh, you hear the Father's joy over you? He is so proud of you. So, it is not far from you. “The joy of the Lord is my strength.”

Yes, 'the Kingdom of heaven is righteousness, peace and joy in Holy Spirit." So it is not as far away as you think. Joy is such a fruit of Holy Spirit. It is not far from us. But, sometimes things come against that joy.

Another key to learn from the early church would be courage and celebration. "Well of course they had courage, because they were there when the Holy Spirit was poured out on them like fire. Of course they were celebrating, because multitudes were coming to Christ. Jesus's miracles were working through them. Of course they were celebrating and happy." Well, beloved, this is who we are. We are the Household of God. The same Spirit is working in us because the One who is faithful has called you into fellowship with His Son. The Son has asked you to be faithful with what He has entrusted to you. Therefore, we have joy, and there is courage and celebration. Move from joy, express celebration, and demonstrate courage. Well said!

The following are some questions that the Lord asked Chuck Pierce. See how they apply. I will also send this information out to the body, so you can hear it.

1. Are you ready for me to visit what you are building?

Now the sword is going to come in. "Are you building something for you? Or, are you building in the Kingdom? There is a difference. He says, "Are you ready for me to visit what you are building? Yes, He is watching how Babylon is currently being built. He says, "How are we building? How are we building? Are we building by revelation?" Where does revelation come from, the book of Revelation? No, revelation comes from the Spirit of Revelation, Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost is the one who is revealing Jesus to you and me every day. Are you building from revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ? That is Me helping you understand. Are you building to be a place where we understand everything? Well, "I do not know about that yet. I have never heard of this yet. I do not know or understand that. I am so incompetent. I do not even have everything I need to do what I am doing." Or are you building from revelation from Jesus Christ? What has been entrusted to you, you multiply and give freely. "Freely receive, freely give." That is it. "Are you building from Revelation? Are you ready for me to visit what you are building?

He gave an example of Genesis 11, with the Tower of Babel. They were building something. God shows up to see what they are building and He was not very pleased with that.

2. What identity are you entering into your next season of promise for you to portray?

Where is your identity? Is your identity in the Lord Jesus Christ? Yes, solely there? We are all being changed into the image and likeness of God. We are all being transformed. We are all being changed. It is the work of the great Holy Ghost. Thank you, Lord, because He is faithful. Your place, your understanding of your identity, and who you are in Christ *must be your identity*? He has positioned us for advancement. If we are being prepared and trained to accomplish and to host His presence and to bring forth His kingdom, we have to move out of one identity and that is **in Jesus Christ alone**. Everything else has to fall to the ground.

You cannot come in as, "I am a good banker. I am a good mama. I am a good teacher. I am a good …whatever." You can only come from the place of, "I am hidden with God in Christ. I am a child of the living God. I am *in* the Son of God. I am the Bride of Jesus." Because everything around you will come against that identity. "You are not good enough. You do not know anything. You do not have enough money. You are too old. You are weak. You are frail." The enemy will come against you, saying, "Don't you know it is over for you? Too bad. So sad. You are over. You are toast." He goes on and on.

But, God Almighty, the Spirit of the Living God, is inside of you saying, “I have entrusted much to you. He calls us to be attentive to what has been entrusted to us. We take that very seriously. Yes! The word I already gave you shows you just how serious Jesus says this is. But, it starts with me and you personally, and it goes out from there. He alone knows. You can try to fool Him all day, but He knows. He knows. So, He knows and He still loves us. That is amazing. “Are you ready for Him to visit what you are building and do you know your identity is in the Lord?”

3. What level of compromise are you entertaining?

“What level of compromise are you entertaining?” So in that, I hear that you have to be able to search yourself, if you are unwilling to wait for what I have for you. What level of compromise are you entertaining? Search your soul if you are unwilling to wait for what I have for you. “Those who wait on the Lord renew their strength.” That is awesome. But, there is a battle in the wait. There is a testing and there is a purging of fire. “Search your soul if you are unwilling to wait for what I have for you.”

He says, “Are you compromising over your worship?” That means your worship of Him. Are you like King Saul who cared after his own soul? Or, like David who had a heart after Me? “Are you compromising over your worship?” Has something else taken the place of worship in your heart? Are you more concerned about your own soul than you are that of the Lord’s? It goes back to what I have already read you about the heart of the Master’s Kingdom? Because, our heart should be one with His. “Father, not my will, but your will be done.” That was the heart of Jesus with the Father. The Lord says, “I am looking at your heart in which way it is going to go during this new era, because, it will continue to be tested.

Compromise, I hate compromise, and you should hate compromise. Yet, you have to be humble enough to go before the Father and say,”I have compromised.” You have to be mature enough and trust Him enough, and let Him show you. Then our job is to acknowledge it. Don't give excuses, but repent. Repent and apologize for grieving His spirit. Get it in order and get it right. That's how you handle that.

4. Are you ready to go to war in Spring?

This is Jesus still talking and asking these questions. “Are you ready to go to war in Spring? In the Scripture at times obviously kings went to war. There was a time that they went to war, and Spring obviously was one of them. But, He says, “The spiritual warfare will increase for the church and for kings of nations. Great conflicts are coming this Spring, but we had been prepared for these conflicts. We had been prepared for these conflicts. We had been prepared for these conflicts, both spiritual warfare and literal wars and rumors of wars and conflicts.

Then the Lord added, “I will review the kings and the leaders of the Earth come Spring. I will review the kings and the leaders of the Earth come Spring. You will see nations shake because of their leadership shifting. You will see nation shake because of their leadership shifting. There will be drastic changes in how the leadership of this land, meaning the United States of America, rises up.

He says, “I am not referring to the President. Leaders are rising up and will confront leaders. It will be an incredible time.” Leaders are confronting leaders. You can already see that happening. You can already see God raising up His voice. You can already see God raising up justice. You are going to see God moving, and the voice of the Lord is being heard, because you are in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. There is a voice in His Body that cannot be swept out by anything. That voice will continue to fill the breath and the lungs with the Spirit in the Body of Christ, and leaders will confront leaders.

There is a gift *mentioned in* the Bible in Romans 12, called the gift of leadership. Everybody puts that in a little box, saying, “Oh, bless the Lord, that is the leader of the group. Truth, but if you are in the Body of Christ, welcome to leadership. “Oh no, I am not a leader.” Yes, you are. We all have different roles and functions and offices. We are not all generals. But, every saint is a leader. You are leading somebody. Somebody is seeing the fire in you, the zeal you carry. It matters that we are raising up leaders. It always comes back to leadership. Always. Jesus is our leader, and He is perfect in every way. We are submitting ourselves to His Kingdom, to His way, and to His mysteries, “Lead me on Lord.” As you follow Him, as you follow the leader, you will continue to raise up many. That leadership is vital in this hour. Leaders are going to rise up and confront leaders.

5. Are you pursuing a plan to recover all?

He says, “Because, I am going to start unlocking things that have been captivated for a long time and I am looking for recoverers. You can read First Samuel, chapter 30, for homework. When the enemy came against David. He asked God Almighty, “Do you want me to go to war and take back what has been taken or not?” Notice, he goes before the Lord and asks for direction. That is the heart of a true leader. In that summary, you will hear “pursue, overtake and recover all.” Develop your strategy of pursuit now, because there is a divine recovery on the way.

Matthew 25:1-13 NKJV
Matthew 25:14-30 NKJV

Again, I will close with this. Your call is to position yourself for advancement. Honor the Kingdom. Honor the Master. Honor our Head, Jesus. Honor Him by being a good steward of what He has entrusted to you, and corporately as the Body, what praise goes to Him, amen.

Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV

Let's stand up and let's honor Him. Thank you, Jesus! The Word that He has given to us today, I know it will bear much fruit in your heart and great encouragement. Father, we thank you, and we honor your word and your faithfulness. We thank you for your word to us. That you are as near to us today as you were in the flesh, walking with those when you were on the planet. I thank you that you made a way for us through your body and through your blood, to return to the Father of Glory. Not just know about Him, but to know Him and to be found in Him. The One who is faithful, has called us into fellowship with the Son. You turn right around and anoint us to steward your faithful calling. That we can bear much fruit for the Father, so He can be glorified. Thank you, Lord, for anointing us with fresh oil today, stirring up Spirit of God within us. That we have ears attentive to what the Spirit of the Lord is saying for His church. Thank you for the miracles today and tomorrow. We thank you for today, that you have called today. Today, we hear your voice. We thank you for humility and the fear of the Lord. With it come, riches and honor in life. We submit ourselves, our personal call and anointing, our families, those that we serve, and all that we have our hands and our feet set to do for your namesake. Please bless us and keep us. Cause your face to shine upon us. Give us peace. Peace that passes our understanding, and may our heart know that we have been prepared for such a time as this. I am asking for great increase. I am asking for great fruit. Lord of the Harvest hurl forth laborers into your field and blow this place wide open for your glory. In Jesus’s name, amen. Amen. All right. God bless you.