

# The Stewardship Of Our Lives

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Time - Talent - Treasure

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7But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

9What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions

*9 Or the depths of the earth?*

10He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

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11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## **Main Point:**

Every follower of Christ has been given a gift, therefore every follower must steward their gift in ministry to others.

# Romans 12:3-8

3For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your

faith; 7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. NIV

# 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

4There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. (NIV)

# What gift has Christ given you?

- Are you stewarding the gift for the ministry of others?
- Spiritual Gift- What?
- Passion- Where?
- Personality-How?

# God wants to use you!

Every follower of Christ has been given a gift, therefore every follower must steward their gift in ministry to others.

God uses all of our experiences to minister to others.

He even wants to use your most painful experiences!

# God comforts us to comfort others.

3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 2 Corinthians 1:3-6