

Morning Lesson

GOLDEN KEYS FOR SUCCESS

Good Stewardship

1 Cor. 4:1, 2

INTRO:

1. Steward -- "Primarily denoted the manager of a household or estate."
2. In order to be successful in my service to God I must understand my stewardship.
3. All I have or ever will have comes from God -- I am his manager.
4. Stewardship extends to all areas of life.

I. STEWARDSHIP OF TIME.

- A. The apostles took time to serve. **Matt. 4:18-22**
- B. Life is a vapor -- use time wisely. **James 4:13, 14**
- C. Redeem the time. **Eph. 5:15, 16**

II. STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY.

- A. Our money is not our own. **Psalm 50:10-12**
- B. We will reap as we sow in giving. **2 Cor. 9:6**
- C. We are to lay up treasures in heaven. **Matt. 6:19-21; 19:21**

III. STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE.

- A. We are not our own. **1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Ezek. 18:4**
- B. We are to give ourselves. **2 Cor. 8:5**
- C. We are to give our bodies. **Rom. 12:1, 2**
- D. We should give ourselves wholly in service. **1 Tim. 4:13-15**

IV. STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL.

- A. Mysteries of the gospel. **1 Cor. 4:1**
- B. It is my duty. **Eph. 3:10, 11**
- C. If our gospel is hidden, more will be lost. **2 Cor. 4:3-4**
- D. We are to preach no other gospel. **Gal. 1:6-10**

CONC:

1. Stewardship is part of life.
2. What kind of steward am I?
 - a. Wise? **Luke 12:42**
 - b. Blameless? **Tit. 1:7**
 - c. Good? **1 Pet. 4:10**
 - d. Faithful? **1 Cor. 4:1, 2**
 - e. Unjust? **Luke 16:10-13**
3. *We can be unfaithful by simply not using what has been entrusted to us.*
4. *Let us keep our trust.*