

**“STEWARDING GOD’S WORD”**

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In this series we are placing a special emphasis on service—our serving God in the sphere of influence He has placed each one of us in.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

A “*steward*” was like an estate manager. They are entrusted with the care of the property but do not have ownership of it. A “*steward*” was entrusted with something of great value.

**1 Thessalonians 5:24** Faithful *is* **He** that calleth you, **Who** also will do *it*.

Whatever God calls you to do, remember that He is faithful to give you the grace to do it.

† Stewarding your Awe

**Q: What captivates or rules your heart? What are you in awe of?**

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare [*announces/ to make known*] the glory of **God**; and the firmament sheweth [*proclaims*] **His** handywork.

David speaks about the creation of God that puts His glory and majesty on full display. God created this world to direct our attention to Him. He created this awesome creation to help us see our awesome Creator. It was meant to bring us to God in wonder and worship.

† Stewarding God’s Word

**Q: How can we be faithful in stewarding God’s Word?**

**I. By understanding it’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 19:7-10)**

Just as His creation is designed to bring us to awe of Him, His Word is designed to bring us to awe and worship of Him.

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**A. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7a)**

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**Romans 5:1-2** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with **God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ: 2** By **Whom** also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of **God**.

**B. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7b)**

**Psalm 119:130** The entrance of **Thy** Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

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**Proverbs 1:1-4** The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; **2** to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **3** to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; **4** To give subtilty [*discretion / prudence*] to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

**C. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8a)**

Cf. Psalm 40:8

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**Psalm 119:24** **Thy** testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

**D. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8b)**

**Psalm 23:3b** ...**He** leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for **His** name's sake.

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Cf. Psalm 119:98-99

**E. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9a)**

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**F. The Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9b-10)**

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**Q: God is speaking through His Word, are you listening?**

**II. By responding in \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 19:11-14)**

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**A. Worship by being \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)**

**Colossians 3:16** Let the Word of **Christ** dwell in you richly [*abundantly*] in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the **Lord**.

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**B. Worship by being \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12-13)**

v. 12 – The Word of God confronts us with our sin.

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v. 13 – The Word of God brings cleansing to our heart as it convicts us of sin.

**2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Here we see three important actions:

1. “*reproof*” or the effort to bring to light an error in one's life.
  2. “*rebuke*” in which the one in error is warned of the penalty of continuing down the path of error.
  3. “*exhortation*” which encourages them to turn from their wicked path and do right.
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**2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of **God**, and *is* profitable [*beneficial*] for doctrine [*teaching / what is right*], for reproof [*conviction of sin / what is wrong*], for correction [*how to make the wrong right*], for instruction in righteousness [*how to stay right*]:

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Cf. Psalm 119:105

**C. Worship by being \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)**

Isaiah 55 – God’s Word will accomplish its purpose which is righteous awe and worship.

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall **My** Word be that goeth forth out of **My** mouth: it shall not return unto **Me** void [*empty or useless*], but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Q: “What is the purpose of God’s Word?” The answer is found in the next verse.

**Isaiah 55:12** For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

The ultimate purpose of God’s Word is worship—worship of the Creator.

**Q: God is speaking to your heart, are you listening? Are you responding in worship?**

**What is my next step?**

- (*Put off*) What must I *put off* that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?
- (*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?
- (*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

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