

“STEWARDING GOD’S MAGNIFIED GIFT”

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A “*steward*” was like an estate manager. They are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for the property but they did not have ownership of it. A “*steward*” was entrusted with something of great value.

John 3:16 For **God** so loved the world, that **He** gave **His** only begotten **Son** [*Jesus*], that whosoever believeth in **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is important to keep in mind that the *role* of a steward is to be **obedient** to the one who has entrusted them with this responsibility. Their *responsibility* is to be **faithful**.

I. Consider Christ and His Supreme Humiliation (v. 5-8)

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**:

Matthew 11:29 Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn of **Me**; for **I** am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

A. He Surrendered Himself (v. 6-7)

Philippians 2:6-7 **Who**, being in the form of **God**, thought it not robbery to be equal with **God**: but made **Himself** of no reputation, and took upon **Him** the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

B. He Sacrificed Himself (v. 8)

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, **He** humbled **Himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For **He** [*the Father*] hath made **Him** [*Jesus*] *to be* sin for us, **Who** knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of **God** in **Him**.

John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: “**I AM** come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly [*overflowing*].

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know **Thee** the only true **God**, and **Jesus Christ, Whom Thou** hast sent.

John 1:11-12 **He** came unto **His** own, and **His** own received **Him** not. But as many as received **Him**, to them gave **He** power to become the sons of **God**, *even* to them that believe on **His** name:

John 3:16-17 For **God** so loved the world, that **He** gave **His** only begotten **Son** [*Jesus*], that whosoever believeth in **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting

life. For **God** sent not **His Son** into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through **Him** might be saved.

II. Consider God and His *Exaltation* (v. 9)

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore **God** also hath highly exalted **Him**, and given **Him** a name which is above every name:

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the **LORD** *is* the instruction of **Wisdom**; and before honour *is* humility.

1 Peter 5:5b-6 ...for **God** resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. **6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of **God**, that **He** may exalt you in due time:

III. Consider Yourself and Your *Confession* (v. 10-11)

Philippians 2:10-11 That at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of **God** the **Father**.

A. The *Problem*—Sin

Matthew 1:21 And she [*Mary*] shall bring forth a **Son**, and thou shalt call **His** name **JESUS**: for **He** shall save **His** people from their sins.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of **God**;

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death;...

B. The *Solution*—a Savior

Consider what God says about how much He loves us...

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Romans 5:8 But **God** commendeth [*proved*] **His** love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ** died for us.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Response: As a *steward*, let each of us be faithful with this magnified Gift that God has given us. Let us bow in humility, confessing Him as Lord as we yield our lives to Him and trust in Him as the only way of salvation. As a child of God, let us commit to daily confessing Him as the Lord of our lives, trusting Him with every aspect of our lives.



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