

I. We should be faithful stewards of God's resources

A. We understand that everything belongs to God

"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Matthew 19:21)

B. We understand that we are managers of God's resources

C. We understand that we will be accountable for our service

"For then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

II. We should use our God given opportunities wisely

A. We should invest in things that are eternal

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 13:44)

1. We invest in God's kingdom

2. We invest in people

B. We invest in eternal things through giving of our money

C. We invest in eternal things through giving of our time

D. We invest in eternal things through giving of our gifts and abilities

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (I Peter 4:10)

III. We should be careful to use our material possessions faithfully

A. Faithfulness in handling earthly wealth qualifies us for spiritual opportunities

1. We will have opportunities in evangelism

2. We will have opportunities in missions

3. We will have opportunities in discipleship

IV. We should be singularly devoted to God

A. We must choose whom we will serve

- B. Who we serve will become our master
- C. Our master will become our object of worship