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More Than a Gift Talents Stewarded Through Service

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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace...” (1 Peter 4:10). There’s something powerful that happens when you discover that your life, as it is, has purpose. Not someday. Not when you feel more qualified. Not when you have more time. Right now.

Too often, when we think about stewardship, we think primarily of money. But stewardship is much bigger than that. As highlighted in *The Stewpot*, stewardship is “revolutionary generosity,” encompassing not only our treasure, but our time, talents, temple, trust in God, theology, and testimony. And at the center is this truth: God entrusted each of us with something meaningful, and it was never meant to stay with us.



YOU WERE DESIGNED WITH PURPOSE

Scripture reminds us that “every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). That means your abilities, passions, experiences, and even your personality are not accidental. They are entrusted.

God is not looking for perfection. He is looking for willingness. Sometimes we disqualify ourselves before God ever does. We tell ourselves we do not have anything special to offer. We assume we are not trained, experienced, or prepared enough. Yet stewardship begins not with ability—it begins with availability.

STEWARDSHIP IS REVOLUTIONARY GENEROSITY. IT INVOLVES THE 7 T'S:
TIME, TEMPLE, TALENT, TREASURE, TRUST IN GOD, THEOLOGY, AND TESTIMONY.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly uses ordinary people who are willing to say yes. Moses questioned his abilities. Gideon doubted his significance. Jeremiah felt too young. Yet God worked through each of them because they were willing to place their lives in His hands.

The same is true today. One of the most powerful ways we live out that willingness is through service.

SERVING IS STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

If stewardship is about faithfully managing what God has given us, then service is how that stewardship becomes visible.

Jesus made this unmistakably clear: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Mark 10:45).

Service is not optional in the Christian life. It is central.

This is where Volunteer Ministries and Stewardship intersect



in a powerful way. Volunteering is not simply something we do. It is something we steward. When we serve, we intentionally invest our time, use our talents for God's glory, strengthen our testimony, and put faith into action. Service becomes the living expression of what we say we believe.

Stewardship moves from theory to practice when we use what God has entrusted to us in ways that bless others.

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN REAL LIFE?

Serving does not begin in some distant place. It begins where you are. Stewardship starts in everyday life. It is expressed in the way we care for our families, support our churches, and engage with our communities. It can be seen in hospitality, kindness offered to a neighbor, encouragement shared with a friend, mentoring a young person, or the use of professional skills to strengthen a ministry or community project. These acts may not always feel significant, but faithfulness in ordinary opportunities often prepares us for greater opportunities later. God values willingness and consistency far more than visibility.

The church itself thrives when members faithfully contribute their unique gifts. Some teach, some lead, some organize, some encourage, and some serve quietly behind the scenes. Not everyone is called to stand on a platform, but everyone is called to participate. When each member contributes what God has entrusted to them, the entire body becomes stronger.

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Yet service is not limited to our homes, churches, or local communities. In today's interconnected world, God is opening doors for service across cultures, communities, and continents. Through volunteer opportunities—whether short-term or long-term—individuals can use their talents to support ministries, strengthen communities, and share hope in practical ways.

For many volunteers, these experiences become life-changing. They often begin with the desire to make a difference in the lives of others, but discover something unexpected along the way: they themselves are transformed.

Serving in unfamiliar environments stretches faith. It develops adaptability, humility, compassion, and deeper dependence on God. It reminds us that ministry is ultimately God's work and that He delights in working through willing people. The communities being served are blessed, but so are those who serve.



WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

We are living in a time of both tremendous need and tremendous opportunity. There are communities waiting for hope, churches seeking renewal, young people searching for purpose and direction, and families longing for encouragement and support.

At the same time, there are individuals sitting in church pews every week wondering whether their lives truly make a difference. Stewardship answers that question with a resounding yes. But it does more than affirm our value—it provides direction for our purpose.

Your gifts are not random. They are entrusted by God. Your experiences are not wasted. They can be used for ministry. Your talents are not merely for personal success. They



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ministries

are opportunities for kingdom impact.

Volunteer Ministries exists to help bridge that gap by connecting calling with opportunity, passion with purpose, and gifts with meaningful service. Through intentional acts of service,

believers discover that God can use them in ways they never imagined.

The question is not whether God has gifted His people; the question is whether we are willing to use those gifts.

A SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE

What if we stopped asking, “Do I have something to offer?” and started asking, “Where can what I have be used?” What if we saw our talents not as possessions, but as assignments? What if stewardship were not merely something we practiced occasionally, but a way we lived every day?

When we begin to view our lives through that lens, everything changes. Work becomes ministry. Skills become tools for impact. Time becomes an investment in eternity. Opportunities become invitations to participate in God’s mission. And stewardship

becomes a daily expression of faith.

A CALL TO ACTION

As we reflect on the gifts God has entrusted to us, the invitation is simple but powerful: Do not let what God has given you sit unused. Look for one place to begin. One opportunity to serve. One talent to develop and share. One step of faith to take.

You do not have to do everything; just do something. Because when you do, you step into something much bigger than yourself. You step into a life of stewardship that is active, intentional, and transformational.

And in the process, you will discover something profound:

You were never just called to receive.

You were called to steward.

You were called to serve.



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