

The Steward Leader  
A Wise and Faithful ~~Servant~~ Slave

Scripture: Luke 12:35-48 Parable of the Wise and Faithful Servant

**Intro to Biblical Stewardship**

Stewardship is a an important form of \_\_\_\_\_

Money and finances make up only one part of the entire \_\_\_\_\_  
picture.

**Steward or Slave?**

The Greek word for Steward is *Oikonomos*; *Oikos* = House; *Nomos* = law/ruler. But *Oikonomos* means something more than 'House Ruler.' What is its full meaning and why is this important to understand?

What is the foundational understanding of Christian Leadership as it relates to Rulers and Slaves?

How does Christian Leadership differ from Secular Leadership?

**Essence of Christian Leadership =**  
Taking Resources Given to You and Multiplying Them for God's Glory

## **Jesus: The Ultimate Steward**

How did Jesus become a slave?

## **Understanding Slave**

Two important thoughts to consider:

1)

2)

Characteristics of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Roman Slavery

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

## **Slave vs. Servant**

What is the difference between a slave and a servant? How does this apply to our roles as Stewards and Christian Leaders?

**Scripture: 1 Cor 7:21-23**

**Are you a Slave or a Servant?**

Introspection: Aside from Christ, who or what has been a functional savior in your life?

What two things does Jesus as Master do for you that all other idols cannot?

Freedom to yourself = _____
Slavery to Christ = _____

**Are you a Christian Leader? 4 Questions to reflect on this week:**

- 1) OBEDIENCE - Am I willing to obey God in what he says about (insert an area of life you don't understand) regardless of how I feel about it?
- 2) SUBMISSION - Am I able to thank God for whatever happens in this area whether I understand it or not?
- 3) RELYING - Is there something in this area that I'm relying on more than God for hope and meaning in life?
- 4) TRUST - Are there problems and limitations in my life I feel are too big for God to remove?