

Entrusted

Faithful With What Matters Most

Series overview: Biblical stewardship is a whole-life response to the generosity of God – our treasures, our time, our abilities, ultimately our entire lives. This 4 week series isn't about giving more. It's about trusting God more, living intentionally, serving others, and bringing glory to God through everything He has entrusted to us.

Series Big idea: Everything we have belongs to God, and everything He entrusts to us is an opportunity to honor Him through faithful stewardship.

Anchor Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NIV) This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

Today's Big idea: God has entrusted us with the truth of the gospel, and that same calling to faithfulness should shape how we steward everything He places in our care.

1. Entrusted With the Truth of The Gospel

1 Corinthians 4:1; 1 Corinthians 2:6-12

Key Truth: The greatest treasure entrusted to the Church is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- **Servants (*hypēretēs*):** We serve under Christ's authority.
- **Stewards (*oikonomos*):** We manage what belongs to another.
- **Mysteries (*mystērion*):** God's once-hidden truth, now revealed through Christ.

God's Grace (*charis*): His unearned and undeserved favor, freely given through Jesus Christ.

- **Grace is received** — Ephesians 2:8–10
- **Grace is entrusted** — 1 Peter 4:10
- **Grace is expressed** — 2 Corinthians 9:8–11

Revelation 22:21: Scripture concludes by reminding us of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Am I faithfully sharing and reflecting the grace of God I've received?

2. Everything We Have Belongs To God

Psalms 24:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Key truth: Faithful stewardship begins with recognizing that everything we have belongs to God.

- **God is the Creator and rightful owner of everything.** (Psalm 24:1)

- **We are managers, not owners.** Our lives, possessions, opportunities, and abilities are entrusted to us by God.
- **Our response is worship.** Recognizing God's ownership changes how we live and what we do with what He's given us. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

Reflect: What area of my life am I most tempted to treat as my own rather than God's?

3. Faithfulness Is What God Desires

1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 16:10; Romans 14:12

Key truth: God calls us to be faithful with what we have – not what we wish we had.

- **Faithful (*pistos*):** Reliable, dependable, trustworthy.
- **Faithfulness requires action:** Stewardship isn't simply recognizing what God has given us; it's faithfully using it for His purposes.
- **Faithfulness involves accountability:** We will ultimately answer to God for how we've managed what He's entrusted to us. (Luke 16:10, Romans 14:12)

Application: What is one practical step you can take this week to faithfully steward what God has entrusted to you?

Take Away

Everything belongs to God. The gospel is our greatest trust, and faithfulness should characterize everything He has entrusted to us.

MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

Coming Up in the Entrusted Series

Nov 8 • TREASURE — Where Your Heart Is (Matthew 6:19–24)

Nov 15 • TIME — Number Your Days (Ephesians 5:15–17)

Nov 22 • TALENT — Use What You've Been Given (1 Peter 4:10–11)