

Topics in Proverbs

I. Skills in Godly Financial Management - Pt 1

A. Stewardship - the conducting, supervising, or managing of something especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

1. *oikonomos* - a house-distributor (manager), or overseer, an employee in that capacity; a fiscal agent (treasurer); chamberlain, governor, steward.

a. accountable to owner for distributed belongings where we are not equal - Mt 25:14-30

i. delivered his goods to them - vs 14

ii. to each according to his own ability - vs 15

iii. *sunairo* - to make up together, to compute (an account):--reckon, take. - vs 19

iv. The expectation was making a profit with what was given - vs 20,22,27

v. The reward was equal approval - 21,23

vi. There are no excuses - vs 24-27

vii. The distribution was to believer and unbeliever alike - vs 28-30

b. accountable to owner for distributed belongings where we are equal - Lk 19:11-26

i. delivered ten minas each - vs 13

ii. do business - *pragmateuomai* - to busy oneself with, to trade, occupy. - vs 13

iii. Accountability for what was gained by trading - *diapragmateuomai* - to thoroughly occupy oneself, to earn in business:--gain by trading.

iv. Reward was based on gain, involved co-reigning with the king - vs 17,19

v. There are no excuses - vs 20-23

2. Requirements to be a good steward

a. faithfulness - 1 Co 4:2; 9:17; 1 Pe 4:10

b. blameless - Tit 1:7

c. Trust in the Owner - Pr 3:9-10; Mt 6:25-34; 25:45; 2 Co 6:4; Col 1:25

d. diligence - Pr 10:4; 12:27; 27:23

3. Rewards for being a good steward - Mt 24:46-47; 25:21; Lk 12:42

B. Giving

1. Honoring the Lord - Pr 3:9

a. *kabad* - to make weighty, to glorify

b. Possessions - *hown* - enough, riches, substance, wealth.

c. *t@buw'ah* - income, produce:--fruit, gain, increase, revenue.

d. OT - tithe

i. of the land's produce - Le 27:30; De 12:17; 14:22-23

ii. of the herd - Le 27:32

iii. to not give it was to Rob God - Mal 3:8-10

e. NT - 2 Co 8-9

i. according to what one has - 8:12

ii. a proof of Love - 8:24

iii. liberally - 9:6; Pr 11:24-25

iv. as purposed in one's heart, not grudgingly, cheerfully - 9:7

v. trusting in God's provision for sufficiency - 9:8

2. To whom it is due - Pr 3:27-28; Ro 13:7

3. To the Poor - 14:21,31; 19:17; 22:9; 28:27

C. Prosperity

1. Wisdom is

a. better than Riches - Pr 3:13-15

b. The source of enduring riches - Pr 8:18-21; 13:7; 24:3-4; Mt 6:19-20

2. God's Dealings with the Righteous

a. Delivers them from Death/ doesn't allow them to famish - Pr 10:2-3; 11:4; 28:13

b. Riches are a blessing for God - 10:22; 11:28; 22:4; 28:20

c. Grants Desires - 10:24; 28:19; 30:8-9

3. God's Dealings with the wicked

a. their treasure profit nothing - 10:2; 11:4; 16:8; 20:21; 21:6; 28:6

b. Their fear will come upon them - 10:24; 11:28; 13:11; 23:4-5

c. Much trouble - 15:6,16-17,27; 17:1; 21:17; 22:16; 28:8, 10-11,13, 19-20,22

D. Surety

1. **`arab** - to braid, intermix; to traffic (as if by barter); also or give to be security (as a kind of exchange):--engage, (inter-)meddle (with), mingle (self), mortgage, occupy, give pledges, be(-come, put in) surety, undertake.

2. Warnings Against

a. brings suffering - Pr 11:15

b. Shows the lack of understanding, wisdom - 17:18

c. If you do it, be ready to pay it - Pr 20:16; 22:26-27; 27:13

3. Participants

a. the one making the pledge

b. The stranger - Pr 6:1; 11:15

c. The friend - Pr 6:1; 17:18

d. The seductress - 20:16; 27:13

4. Biblical Solution - Pr 6:1-5

a. How they got there - 6:1-2

i. shaken hands

ii. words of mouth

b. Humble oneself - 6:3

i. Plead with friend - 6:3

ii. do it immediately - 6:4

iii. Do it with urgency - 6:5