

STEWARDSHIP

Simply stated, being a **good steward**, or **good stewardship**, means the appropriate and wise use of any asset allotted to one's charge. **Stewardship** is definitely an important concept in the word of God. **Spiritual stewardship** is the proper use of our gifts, abilities, and talents, not just money.

Spiritual stewardship pertains to the priorities of our hearts and minds. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." (**Matthew 6:33**) It pertains to the use of our most precious asset, the one of which we all have the same amount in each day – **TIME**. How wisely and well one spends his time and uses his talents and possessions determines how good a steward one is and **where one will spend eternity!**

Good stewardship is the proper execution of one's duties, either specific or implied, to the Lord and Master who has entrusted them. It is abundantly clear that Jesus expects us to use these things wisely and properly in preparation for eternal life. Hear the apostles on the subject of stewardship:

1 Corinthians 4:1-2: "Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God**. In this case, moreover, it is required of **stewards** that one be found trustworthy."

1 Corinthians 9:16-17: "**For if I preach the gospel**, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a **stewardship entrusted** to me."

Titus 1:7: "For the overseer must be above reproach as **God's steward**..."

1 Peter 4:10: "As each one has received a special **gift**, employ it in serving one another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God**."

From these passages, we learn of what we are to be good stewards:

- the mysteries of God;
- the gospel of Christ;
- the flock of God;
- the gift one has from God; and
- the manifold grace of God.

We have received a high and holy calling from God, "who has saved us, and called us with a **holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity. (**2 Timothy 1:9**)

We have received honor, "And no one takes the **honor** to himself, but receives it **when he is called by God**, even as Aaron was." (**Hebrews 5:4**)

We have received a great love: "See **how great a love** the Father has **bestowed upon us**, that we should be called children of God; and such we are." (**1 John 3:1**)

We are stewards of a great responsibility: "in order that the manifold **wisdom of God** might now be **made known through the church**..." (**Ephesians 3:10**)

We have hope and a great Savior: "looking for the blessed **hope** and the appearing of **our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**." (**Titus 2:13**)

We can expect a great reward: "Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. **It is the Lord Christ whom you serve**." (**Colossians 3:24**)

As Disciples of Christ (called Christians by the world), we have from God a number of extremely great and valuable things. We are responsible to Him to serve as faithful stewards. Because we have them, and are charged with them, we must also share them with others.

The greatest thing we possess is the truth of the gospel: "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in **the word of truth, the gospel**." (**Colossians 1:5**)

This gospel is "**the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes." (**Romans 1:16**)

"But **we have this treasure** in earthen vessels... But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe, therefore **also we speak**." (**2 Corinthians 4:7,13**)

"To preach to the Gentiles the **unfathomable riches** of Christ," (**Ephesians 3:8**) is our stewardship!

Your fellow steward in Christ, Bill Elliott

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning 10:00
Worship Assembly

Sunday Morning 9:00
Bible Study

Sunday Evening 18:30
Worship Assembly

Wednesday Ladies 10:00
Class

Wednesday Evening 19:00
Bible Study

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY

Weekly singing practice is due to commence again on 17th October at the Le Roux's home at 19:00.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class at 10:00:

Midweek Bible Study at 19:00. The Study of 1 Corinthians with Bill Elliott continues. A class for under 12's has also commenced.

FRIDAY

Youth at the building @ 19:00. Bring your Bibles.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to prayer for Basil Baisley, Petro Le Roux, Rita Granger, Muriel Schult and Milly Crossley. Travelling mercies for Adriaan & Gaby Le Roux. The matrics as they start their finals.

QUARTERLY MEETING FEEDBACK

The following changes will be introduced following the quarterly meeting held last week and ratification by the Leadership Committee.

- **Sunday Morning: Bible Study and Service Times**

From next Sunday 22nd October, the Sunday morning Bible Study and Worship Service will revert to the original time slots, **namely Bible Study at 09:00 with the Worship Assembly commencing at 10:00.** Methods will be investigated to increase the attendance numbers for both the Bible Study and Sunday School. Members are urged to attend Sunday morning Bible Studys.

- **Wednesday Bible Study: Singing Practise**

Every last Wednesday of the month the evening Bible Study will take the form of singing practice, to learn new songs. A short 5—10 minute devo will be presented halfway through the lesson. This time slot is to be used as training ground for new Bible Study presenters.

BENEVOLENCE

We continue to encourage all to donate the re-

MENS RETREAT: 27 & 28TH OCTOBER 2006

Time is running out for men to note their names on the list posted in the foyer. The retreat will be held at Stutterheim Forest at a cost of R175 per person. Please see Quintin Le Roux for further information.

IF YOU LOVE SOULS

Beginning this Tuesday, 17 October, I will be teaching a series of lessons for 7 weeks that will provide you with specific Bible texts on 7 important themes. These 7 lessons will help you effectively share the gospel with others. The 7 topics will consist of 10 to 20 scriptures each and will be identified by 7 different colours. I will provide the color pencils and the scriptures; you provide your personal Bible and your attendance. We will meet at 7 PM for 1 ½ hours each Tuesday for the 7 weeks as part of the Eastern Cape Bible College curriculum. Everyone could greatly benefit from this series of studies. It will provide you with a permanent, simple series of chain references on these 7 important subjects. Please try to attend if you love souls. Thanks, Bill Elliott

BIRTHDAYS

This week, happy birthday to: *Shizelle Herman* and *Alfrieda van Eeden* on 16th.

BINGO AFTERNOON

A bingo afternoon will be held the over 60's, the widows and widowers, in the fellowship hall **Saturday 4th November at**

2pm. There will be prizes for the winners and tea will be supplied - just bring a little plate of eats. Transport can also be arranged.



SERVING ROSTERS

TODAY - 15TH OCTOBER

SINGING:	AM R. Share	PM R. Share
OPENING PRAYER:	AM H. Granger	PM A. Le Roux
LORD'S TABLE:	AM H. Granger	PM Jason Le R
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM Justin Le R	PM Jan Roberts
CLOSING PRAYER:	AM N. Lentz	PM B. Le Roux
FLOWERS:	Connie Harding	

NEXT WEEK - 22ND OCTOBER

SINGING:	AM M. Baisley	PM M. Baisley
OPENING PRAYER:	AM N. Lentz	PM N. Nyemba
LORD'S TABLE:	AM A. Le Roux	PM B. Le Roux
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM R. Le Roux	PM I. Engelbrecht