

## **FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP**

### **I Corinthians 4:2**

We that claim to be Christians must understand that our life is a living testimony of God Almighty and Jesus Christ the Son of God. Regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in, it is “required in stewards that a man be found faithful.”

### **DO YOUR BEST**

**Ecclesiastes 9:10** One of the great problems of our time is that believers everywhere find reasons not to do their best or not get involved because the circumstances of their lives is not ideal. The bible tells us not to put things off until tomorrow, and the bible tells us “redeeming the time for the days are evil.”

**Ecclesiastes 11:4** Most believers are like lazy farmers, if it looks like rain they delay planting, if it looks like the wind will be blowing there is no use of sowing the seed today let's wait for tomorrow.

**Proverbs 31:27** God expects us to be busy serving and doing our very best for God and family.

**Genesis 39:1-6** After Joseph was marked for death and sold into slavery he did not whine and cry about his circumstances but served his master and focused on God and he and his master were blessed.

**Genesis 39 20-23** When things went from bad to worse Joseph did not throw in the towel but trusted God and kept his testimony and was blessed even more by God and his enemies saw God in him.

### **USE WHAT YOU HAVE**

**Exodus 4:2; Judges 15:15** An old but familiar hymn is “Little is much when God is in it.” Moses used an old wooden rod, Sampson used the jawbone of an ass. God uses whatever we have if we mix it with faith. Let's not complain about what we lack but use what God gives us to reach our potential.

**I Kings 17:8-16** Here is a great example that God had recorded for us to consider. This widow woman did not have much to contribute to God's work but used a handful of meal and a little oil.

**I Peter 4:10** Peter tells us that “every man hath received the gift...” and to use our gift as a ministry to our brethren. This tells us that we will have no excuse when Jesus reviews how we ministered the gift we received. God doesn't hold us responsible for what we don't have or what we wished we had.

### **DO NOT EVER QUIT**

**Proverbs 24:16** God has put within His bible many believers in the O. T. and the N. T. that failed in their walk with God: Moses, David, Jonah, Peter, John Mark and many others. God does not expect believers to be perfect, He expects us to be able to take the bad with the good and keep going for Him.

**I Peter 5:8** God doesn't expect the Devil to stop any time soon as he continues to try and put sin and temptation in front of every believer in order to discourage us and to get us to quit serving God.

### **REACH FOR EXCELLENCE**

**I Corinthians 9:24-27** Paul says “run the race” and “strive for the mastery.” He doesn't want us to be content being a run of the mill believer. God isn't looking for perfection but for excellence. If Thomas Edison quit looking for the light bulb after thousands of tries he would have been considered a failure.

**Philippians 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 3:12-13** God wants believers to grow in knowledge and love seeking the excellence in the spiritual life that only God can give. When we continue to excel in love for each other Jesus will be pleased when He comes for us.