

Faithful Stewardship

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:2

Introduction

This scripture casts an interesting light on Christian living. The emphasis is on faithfulness not perfection. The apostles were far from perfect, even after Pentecost, but they were faithful.

I. Faithful in the Word

1 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Acts 17: 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

- A. Men faithful in the study of the Word
- B. Men committed to knowing and understanding the Word
- C. Men faithful in teaching the word

II. Faithful in worship

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 Chronicles 16:29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

A. Faithful in attending the house of worship

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he came into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

- 1. To encourage one another
- 2. Being particularly faithful as Christ's coming approaches

B. Faithful in receiving instruction

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem

C. Faithful in giving

III. Faithful in our work

2 Timothy 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

- A. Paul's charge to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
- B. The need for commitment to Christian work
 - 1. Commitment to know God's will
 - 2. Commitment to faithfully discharge one's duties