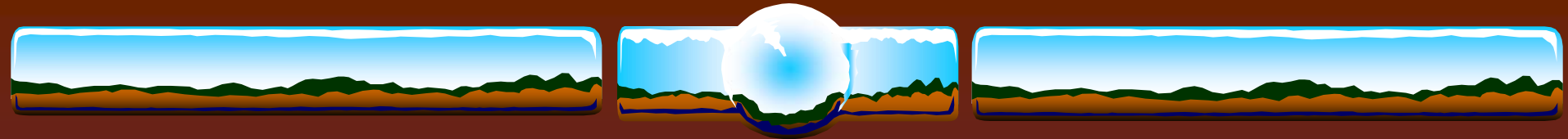


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Of The Manifold Grace of God



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- ❖ Be Good Stewards of the Manifold Grace of God
 - ❖ 1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
- ❖ It Is Required That Stewards Be Found Faithful
 - ❖ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”



What Is A Steward?

- ❖ A person entrusted with the care of another
 - ❖ Example – Matthew 20:8 “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’”
- ❖ A person entrusted with the goods of another
 - ❖ Example – Luke 16:1 “He also said to His disciples: ‘There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.’”



Entrusted According To Our Ability

- ❖ According to the parable of the talents God will entrust us according to our ability ~ Mt 25:14-30
 - ❖ Ephesians 4:16 “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”
 - ❖ Galatians 6:10 “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”



What Grace Are We Entrusted With?

❖ It Starts With Our Abilities

❖ 1 Peter 4:11 “If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it as with the ability which God supplies*, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

❖ But Moves On To What We Know

❖ Luke 12:41-48



Gifts Differ According To Grace Given

- ❖ Romans 12:3-8 “3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, *being many*, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.