

Day 4: Opening the Door

Read and Reflect: 1 Peter 4:9; Hebrews 13:1-2; Romans 12:13

Hospitality is love made visible. When we open our homes and hearts, we reflect the welcome of Christ.

- ❖ When was the last time I practiced hospitality for Christ's sake?
- ❖ How can I cultivate a spirit of joyful generosity rather than reluctant obligation?

“Christian hospitality is the active reflection of God's welcome.” (Henri Nouwen)

Day 5: Serving by Grace, Living for Glory

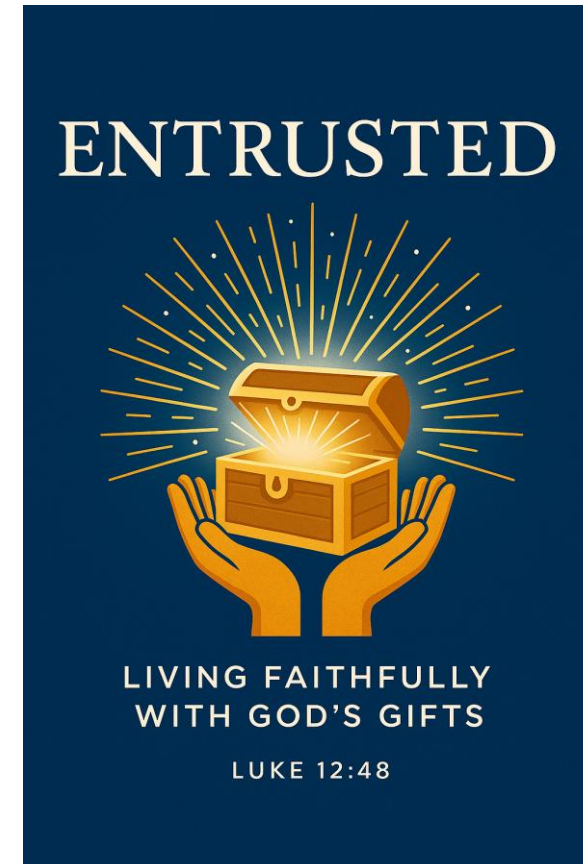
Read and Reflect: 1 Peter 4:10-11; Colossians 3:17; Matthew 25:23

Every fact of service is a grace-gift from God, sustained by His strength, and directed to His glory.

- ❖ Am I serving in my own strength or in the strength God provides?
- ❖ How does my stewardship point others toward Christ's glory?

“The true test of a servant's heart is how we act when we are treated like one.” (A.W. Tozer)

Stewardship is not about what we give
but about who we become—faithful servants whose lives echo the
generosity of the Master.



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ENTRUSTED:
Entrusted with the Gospel
1 Peter 4:7-11

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea: We are entrusted with the gospel—the greatest trust of all—and called to steward it with seriousness, strategy, service, & surrender, so that God is glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Seriousness of Stewardship (v. 7a)

- “End” (telos) means fulfillment, not finality—all things are moving toward Christ.
- We live in sacred time; every decision carries eternal weight.
- The gospel is not meant to be hoarded but shared.
- Stewardship is not a ministry for some—it is the essence of discipleship.

The Strategy of Stewardship (v. 7b-11b)

1. The Approach of Stewardship (v. 7b)
 - Faithful stewardship begins with clear thinking and focused prayer.
 - A distracted mind cannot steward a divine mission.
 - Self-control anchors us in grace; sobermindedness alerts us to God’s promises.
2. The Alignment of Actions and Attitudes (v. 8-11a)
 - Earnestly loving (v. 8)
 - Sincerely Hospitable (v. 9)
 - Sacrificially Serving (v. 10-11a)
3. The Aim of Stewardship (v. 11b)
 - The goal of stewardship is not productivity, but praise.
 - When we live in harmony, the world hears the melody of the gospel.

The Summit of Stewardship (v. 11c)

- The highest point of stewardship is surrender.
- Faithfulness culminates in worship: the echo of grace turned into glory.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Living on the Edge of Eternity

Read and Reflect: 1 Peter 4:7a; Psalm 90:12; Romans 13:11-12

Time is sacred because it belongs to God. Living “at the edge of eternity” means seeing every day as an opportunity for faithfulness and obedience.

- ❖ Do I live as though time is a gift from God or as though it’s my own to spend?
- ❖ What would change in my priorities if I truly believed the end is near?

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last.” (C.T. Studd)

Day 2: Focused and Faithful

Read and Reflect: 1 Peter 4:7b; Philippians 4:6-8

The steward’s first task is attentiveness—keeping heart and mind clear through prayer. Spiritual clarity leads to faithful action.

- ❖ What distractions most often blur my focus on God’s mission?
- ❖ How does prayer anchor my heart amid uncertainty?

“The one who would truly know god must give time to Him.” (A.W. Tozer)

Day 3: Love that Stretches

Read and Reflect: 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Ephesians 4:2-3

Stewardship begins with love—the kind that forgives freely and stretches beyond comfort.

- ❖ Who in my life needs to experience Christ’s patient love through me today?
- ❖ Where has God called me to cover, not count, the faults of others?

“The measure of our love for God is shown by the love we show for those we find most difficult.” (John Stott)