

Help Wanted: A Steward

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Luke 16:1-15.
- B. One cannot steer a car in neutral. We need to get busy.
- C. One of the most important occupations is that of the steward.
- D. We can learn from the unsaved people of the world how to better do our jobs.
- E. The steward had important insights into life.

II. He had an insight into himself.

- A. A steward is someone who possesses everything but owns nothing.
- B. A steward has privileges.
- C. A steward has responsibilities.
- D. A steward is accountable.
- E. The Christian is a steward of...
 - 1. Time.
 - 2. The gospel. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
 - 3. Our gifts and abilities.
 - 4. Our material possessions.

III. He had an insight into life.

- A. Life is an opportunity for investment. (Luke 15)
- B. There are many people today who are wasting their lives.

IV. He saw his master in new light.

- A. His master became one who demanded an accounting.
- B. Accountability is part of life. (Hebrews 13)

V. He saw his possessions in a new light

- A. He saw that people are more important than things.
- B. Giving makes an impact on the kingdom.

VI. He saw his friends in a new light.

A. His friends were in debt and he could do something about it.

B. Jesus said give and it will be given unto you.

VII. Faithfulness is the most important quality of a steward.

VIII. One becomes a steward by waking up spiritually.

Application questions:

1. What things have you been a good steward of in your life?

2. What things have you failed to be a good steward of? Explain.

3. Why is it important to view God as demanding and not loving only? Explain.
