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A Word From Paul

We are entering into that part of our church year when we put together our “budget” for the next year and elect new officers. It can be a difficult job! We should do so prayerfully.

I borrow from a book entitled “The 33 Laws of Stewardship: The Law of Faithful Dependability.”

Paul taught to the Corinthians: *“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”* Another translation puts it this way: *“Now what we look for in stewards is that they should be trustworthy.”* **Trustworthiness:** Faithful dependability - is the mark of an excellent steward. From the Old Testament straight through the New, the wise, effective steward is shown to be utterly faithful. We see this virtue in Joseph when he was unjustly imprisoned. We observe it in Moses as he managed an entire nation in the midst of a wasteland. We find it in Daniel, who ran a government and could not be put down by his enemies, for *“they could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy.”*

To be a trustworthy steward, you must handle the small things with the same regard as the big things: Jesus said, *“whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”* So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? The Word is clear: the greater your dependability, the greater your blessing.

To be a trustworthy steward, you must see everything in life as sacred: For the believer, everything in life is sacred, and everything **is** to be devoted to the Lord. Whatever your talents, whatever your treasures, all are to be dedicated to God’s purpose. *“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

Don’t keep the secret things of God; share them liberally: As a Christian, you are given access to what the Bible calls mysterious truth; but you are also given permission to share the secret. Tell it freely and eagerly, for no area of faithful dependability is more important than the **stewardship** of the **Gospel**.

God Bless,

Paul