Five “T’s” of Christian Stewardship
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1 Cor 4:1-5

1 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. (NAS)

INTRODUCTION

The word Stewardship originally meant a "house manager" or one who manages for another. Christian Stewardship emphasizes our management for our Lord.

1. Time (NAS) i.e. Opportunity

(Acts 18:20-21 NASB) And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, 21 but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

A. Present time

Rom 8:18
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this PRESENT TIME are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2 Cor 8:14 (NAS)
14 at this PRESENT TIME your abundance {being a supply} for their want, that their abundance also may become {a supply} for your want, that there may be equality;

NOW is the time

2 Corinthians 6:2 (King James Version)
2: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Mark 10:29-31 (King James Version)
29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, [present age, NAS] houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

b. Past time, (NAS)

2 Cor 12:21
21 I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

c. Future (NAS)

Jer 29:11
11 `For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, `plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

2 Tim 4:8
8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2. Talents (NAS) Ability

Rom 12:6
6 And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, (let each exercise them accordingly): if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

1 Cor 12:31
31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

3. Testimony (NAS)

NOT relating our religious experience
IS the MESSAGE of Jesus Christ
IS what we open our mouth to say

13 "It will lead to an opportunity for YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 Tim 1:8
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, or of me His prisoner; but join with {me} in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

Rev 12:11
11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY, and they did not love their life even to death.

Matthew 10:32 (King James Version)
32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

4. Treasure (NAS) Work product of your life

Material pursuits; temporary, fleeting
Spiritual; permanent, real

Matt 6:21
21 for where YOUR TREASURE is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 11:42
42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every {kind of} garden herb, and {yet} disregard JUSTICE AND THE LOVE OF GOD; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

5. Temple (NAS)
the control you exercise over your physical body

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF GOD, and {that} the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

holy man 2 times in the (NAS) 1 time in KJV

Mark 6:20
20 for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous AND HOLY MAN, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very
perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

II Ki 4:9
9 And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is A HOLY MAN OF GOD passing by us continually.

1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws

3) used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God, and who therefore needs no rectification in the heart or life

Faithful In The Five "Ts"

Treasures in Heaven H. Russell Payne; Keistview Church of Christ

Parables of the Servants

God describes Himself as the ABSENT authority figure

Mark 13:33-36 (King James Version)

33 For the Son of Man is AS A MAN TAKING A FAR JOURNEY, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
34 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
35 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

His return is emanate, and ultimately effects us all

Window of opportunity can close

Luke 13:23-28 (King James Version)

23 WHEN ONCE THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS RISEN UP, AND HATH SHUT TO THE DOOR, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
24 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
25 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Parable of the Marriage Supper

Luke 14

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden. Come; for all things are now ready.
18 AND THEY ALL WITH ONE CONSENT BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSE.
24 I say unto you, That NONE OF THOSE MEN WHICH WERE BIDDEN SHALL TASTE OF MY SUPPER.

PARABLE OF THE REBELLIOUS HUSBANDMEN

Matthew 21

33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

MATTHEW 25

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.  

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.  

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:  

And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.  

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:  

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.  

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.  

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.  

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Ultimate End Of ALL STEWARDSHIP Is Saving Souls

The VALUE Of The Soul

Definition

what is left after body returns to the dust

James 2:26 (King James Version)

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

the thing that returns to GOD

Ecclesiastes 12:5-8 (King James Version)

man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:  

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.  

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

the part of rich man that could feel pain

Luke 16

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Realization of value

**Matthew 16:21-27 (King James Version)**

> 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

> 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

> 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

> 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

> 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

> 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

God’s sense of value

[price willing to pay]

Gave HIS Son

**John 3:16 (King James Version)**

> 16 For God so loved the world, that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus willing to pay

**Acts 20:28 (King James Version)**

> 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.

Holy Spirit

**John 16:13 (King James Version)**

> 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Apostles

**Revelation 11**

> 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

> 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

> 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another;

Your sense of value
What would you give in exchange

**Matthew 16:26 (Contemporary English Version)**

26 What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? What would you give to get back your soul?

26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life [his blessed life in the kingdom of God]? Joseph Thayer, A Greek-English Lexicon

What HAVE you given?

**Notice what the rich young Ruler would NOT give**

**Luke 18**

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

[Mark 10 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him.]

22 Sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

What do you think the rich man in torment’s answer would be, THEN??!!

Your Own Soul
Actually belongs to GOD

**Ezekiel 18:4 (King James Version)**

4 Behold, all souls are mine;

**Acts 17:25 (King James Version)**

25 HE giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Power of choice

**Joshua 24:14**

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
Two ways

Matthew 7:13-14 (New Living Translation)

The Narrow Gate
13"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. 14But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

Accountability

Romans 14:12 12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (New American Standard Bible)
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Bible characters that made the right choice
  Abel and Cain
  Enoch and Methuselah
  Abraham and Lot
  Jacob and Esau
  David and Saul

Master of your own destiny
Steward of your soul

Responsible for the Souls Of Others

Elders

Hebrews 13:17 (New American Standard Bible)
17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Parents

Hold destiny of their children’s souls in their hands

Ephesians 6:4 (New American Standard Bible)
4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Hannah promised to give her son to the Lord
We ALL should

1 Samuel 1:11 (New American Standard Bible)
11 She made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son,
then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life.

iii. Heritage of generation after generation seeking to nurture

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT, SOCIAL skills

2 Timothy 1:5 (New American Standard Bible)

5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

Christians
Harvest

John 4:35-36 (New American Standard Bible)

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

Matthew 9:36-39 (King James Version)

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few:

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10

1 After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Our responsibility

What is current population of the world

Romans 10

8 The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How
beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring
glad tidings of good things!

Does GOD have a plan

earthen vessels

2 Corinthians 4:7 (The Message)
7If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious treasure, the Message,[the divine Light of the Gospel] around in [frail, human] vessels of earth, the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us; that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

Saving The Soul

Power of GOD

Romans 1:16 (Amplified Bible)
16For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Conversion

Romans 12:2 (Amplified Bible)
2Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Reasoning

Isaiah 1:18 (Amplified Bible)
18Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.

No Other Name

Acts 4:12
12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

To Whom Shall We Turn

John 6:67-69 (King James Version)
67Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?
68Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go?
thou hast the words of eternal life.
And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

JOY Of The Saved Soul
Fruit
Star

Philippians 4

1Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Proverbs 11:30 (King James Version)

30The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Daniel 12:3 (King James Version)

3And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Luke 15:7 (King James Version)

7I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

CONCLUSION