**WISE STEWARDSHIP**

Matthew 16:1-10; 2 Corinthians 9:10

The story of the unfaithful steward is to serve as an allegory of how we can use resources in a wise and Godly manner. In other words, just look at what the servant did and do the opposite.

GOD GIVES EVERYONE RESOURCES:

According to the story, God gives His stewards resources to manage. This is corroborated by 2 Corinthians 9:10, God gives us bread to eat and seed to sow. We need to be able to manage these resources in a way that will bring glory to God.

THREE THINGS A WISE STEWARD OPERATE BY:

1. LIFE COMES IN PHASES (conservative approach to money mgt.). A wise steward understands that every thing that comes into his hand may not be for the present moment and for his/her enjoyment only. He also understands the power of delayed gratification. Proverbs 13:23, 21:20

2. MONEY IS MEANT FOR GOOD (IT HAS ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES). The story helps us to understand that a wise steward should be considerate of others, that is why the master commended the unfaithful steward Luke 16:8.

3. MONEY SITUATION IS INFLUENCED BY HABIT, THERE IS NO SHORT-CUT. Wise stewards have a healthy relationship with money, they understand that money is not bad, it’s a tool, and it just takes on the personer of whoever owns it whether for good or for bad.