



**DEFINING MARKS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:
Excelling in Stewardship**
*Each person using their time, talents, and treasures
to further God's kingdom.*

Passages: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
Matthew 25:14-30
Time – Ephesians 5:15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-5
Talents – 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-27, Romans 12:3-8
Treasures – Matt 6:19-24, 1 Tim 6:6-11 & 17-19, Prov. 3:9, 2 Cor 9:6-8

Please study these verses and then answer the following questions. Be concise in your answers. List specific principles that you glean from your study of these passages and give the accompanying scripture reference.

1. What is the key point in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15? Why is an understanding of this so important to the way we live our lives? How does this truth impact the way we view and use our time, talents and treasures?
2. The passage in Matthew 25 is a parable about the kingdom of heaven. What does it say about those who are faithful servants of God? How does the phrase *"well done good and faithful servant"* in vs. 21 and 23 encourage and motivate you?
3. What are some things that God has entrusted to you as His child? How are you caring for, or "stewarding", these things on His behalf?
4. What do the passages say about how to be a wise steward of your "Time" and the way you live your life?
5. What do the passages say about how to be a wise steward of your "Talents" and the abilities and spiritual gifts God has entrusted to you?
6. What do the passages say about how to be a wise steward of your "Treasures", or the financial resources God has blessed you with?
7. What has the Lord put on your heart regarding your own growth as a result of this study? What specific action step will you take in order to move these truths from your head, through your heart, to your hands?