

## **Trust Fund**

### **Part Three - Trustees**

#### **1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Now it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

**Trust Funds are managed by trustees.**

**Being a trustee begins in the home.**

#### **1 Corinthians 6:19**

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself...

#### **1 Corinthians 3:9**

You are God's building.

### **Four Principles of Being a Trustee**

#### **1. The Ownership Principle**

##### **Psalms 24:1**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

##### **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**

You might say in your heart, "The power and strength of my hands have made this wealth for me." 18 But remember that it is the LORD your God who gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers even to this day.

#### **2. The Responsibility Principle**

##### **1 Timothy 6:17**

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

##### **Luke 12:48**

From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked.

#### **3. The Principle of Accountability**

##### **Romans 14:12**

Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

### **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials - gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

## **4. The Principle of Reward**

### **Colossians 3:23-24**

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

### **Matthew 25:21**

"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"

## **Ten Areas We are Trustees Over**

### **1. Physical Bodies**

#### **1 Corinthians 6:20**

For you were bought at a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body.

### **2. Knowledge**

#### **James 4:17**

Whoever knows what is right but doesn't do it is sinning.

### **3. Words**

#### **Matthew 12:36**

And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.

### **4. Abilities**

#### **1 Corinthians 4:10**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

### **5. Relationships**

#### **1 Timothy 5:8**

But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

## **6. Influence**

### **Matthew 5:13**

You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.”

## **7. Opportunities**

### **Ephesians 5:16**

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

## **8. Money**

### **Luke 16:11**

So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

## **9. Property**

### **Proverbs 27:23**

Be fully aware of the condition of your flock and pay close attention to your herds.

## **10. The Gospel**

### **Romans 10:14**

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?