**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 18 February 2024**

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**Theme : Stewardship of GOD’s Living HOUSE**

**Administration & Management of GOD’s Living House to be A House Where GOD Dwell In.**

**Stewardship – ‘oikonomia’ (Greek) is referred to Administration in A Household (business).**

**Stewards – ‘oikonomos’ (Greek) are the Administrators or Managers in Household (estate).**

**~ GOD wants HIS Church be Built as A Household by HIS Business-managers (Stewards).**

**~ In All JESUS’ Parables, HE refer to the Master’s servants Given Talents/Denarius to earn.**

**Results of Returns are to Qualify them as Stewards (Faithful) or Wicked/ Lazy servants.**

**JESUS’ Parable of Stewardship in GOD’s House vs the World’s Business ‘Way of Admin’.**

**Luke 16: 1 – 4**

HE also Said to HIS disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had A Steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you ? Give an account of your Stewardship, for you can no longer be Steward.' ”

"Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do ? For my master is taking the Stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am Put Out of the Stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' ”

**Luke 16: 5**

"So he called every one of his master's debtors to him*,* and said to the first,

'How much Do you Owe my master ?'”

**Reference Luke 16: 6 – 7.**

**Luke 16: 8 – 9 (AMP)**

“And his master Commended the unjust manager [not for his misdeeds, but] because he had Acted Shrewdly

[by preparing for his future unemployment]; for the sons of this age [the non-believers] are Shrewder in relation to their own kind [that is, to the ways of the Secular World] than are the Sons of Light [the believers].

And I tell you [Learn from this], make friends for yourselves [for Eternity] by means of the Wealth of unrighteousness [that is, use Material Resources as a way to further the Work of GOD], so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the Eternal dwellings.”

**Luke 16: 10 – 11 (AMP)**

"He who is Faithful in a very little thing is also Faithful in much;

and he who is dishonest in a very little thing is also dishonest in much.

Therefore if you have not been Faithful in the Use of earthly wealth, who will entrust the True Riches to you ?”

**Luke 16: 12 (AMP)**

And if you have not been Faithful in the Use ofthat [earthly wealth] which belongs to another [whether GOD or man, and of which you are a trustee], who will give you that which is your Own?

**Luke 16: 13 (AMP)**

No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will

stand devotedly by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both GOD and mammon [that is,

your earthly possessions or anything else you trust in and rely on instead of GOD]."

**Stewards serve the Owner on Behalf as Manager, Administrator, Laborer of the Business.**

**~ Attitude of an Employee to Be NOT as a Hired Person but Attitude & Motivation as Owner.**

**~ I Learnt the Meaning of Being a Steward at 10 years old, from my own father at his Office.**

**~ Neighboring Office are Ships Owner, their Stewards report to Owner when Ships Ashore.**

**~ Churches have many ‘Captains’ but NOT Many are Stewards of their church, even Pastor.**

**1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

So then, let us [who minister] be regarded as servants of CHRIST and Stewards (trustees, administrators) of the Mysteries of GOD [that HE Chooses to reveal]. In this case, moreover, it is Required [as essential and demanded] of Stewards that one be found Faithful and Trustworthy.

**All Worshippers Be Good Stewards of their Bodies & MIND to Dedicate as ‘Living Sacrifice’.**

**Romans 12: 1 (AMPC)**

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [All] the Mercies of GOD, to make

A Decisive Dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as

A Living Sacrifice, Holy (devoted, consecrated) and Well Pleasing to GOD, which is your

reasonable (rational, intelligent) Service and Spiritual Worship.

**Romans 12: 2 (AMPC)**

Do 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].

**~ To Conform to This World in External Form & Fashioned After Is to ‘IDOL’ Worship.**

**Serving the LORD as Ministers (Elders/Deacons/ Leaders/ Members) are True Worshippers.**

**Titus 1: 6 – 9 (AMP)**

Namely, A Man of **Unquestionable Integrity**, the husband of one wife, having children who believe,

not accused of being immoral or rebellious.

For the Overseer, as GOD's Steward, must be blameless, Not self-willed, Not quick-tempered,

Not addicted to wine, Not violent, Not Greedy for dishonest gain [but Financially Ethical].

And he Must be hospitable [to believers, as well as strangers], a lover of what is good, sensible (Upright), fair, devout, Self-disciplined [Above reproach - whether in public or in private].

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy WORD [of GOD] as it was taught to him, so that he will be able both to Give accurate Instruction in Sound [Reliable, error-free] Doctrine and to Refute those who contradict [it

by explaining their error].

**In Aflame, All Raised Up in CHRIST’ Body to have Same Spiritual Qualification as Potential Leader.**

**2 Peter 1: 3 – 4 (AMP)**

For HIS Divine Power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything Necessary for [a dynamic Spiritual] Life and Godliness, through True and personal Knowledge of HIM Who Called us by HIS Own Glory and Excellence.

For by these HE has Bestowed on us HIS precious and magnificent Promises [of inexpressible Value], so that

by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become Sharers of the Divine Nature.