



# CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

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## A Song of the Steward

I Corinthians 13, Paraphrased by Lois Lynn

*If I am entrusted with great resources but do not surrender self-interest, I am  
only a user, not a steward.*

*If I have the gift of administration and can manage large enterprises but have  
not the spirit of a steward, I am nothing.*

*If I give 10% tithe and offerings too and do not practise good stewardship, I  
gain nothing.*

*A steward is reliable; a steward is dependable; a steward is faithful and worthy  
of the trust given him. A steward is not acquisitive, not covetous, not  
possessive. He does not seek his own advancement but is given increased  
responsibility as he proves his worth.*

*A steward is not owner of property but caretaker of the Creator's resources. He  
nurtures and protects the great treasures of creation; husbandry is his calling.  
He serves the One who owns all with devotion and enthusiasm. His works bring  
praise to his Master; he is steward of the reputation of God.*

*He is not self-serving but rejoices in opportunities to serve. He is not self-  
centered but gives honour to others. Possessiveness gives way to  
benevolence; he takes joy in sharing the works of his hands. Happy is the  
steward who knows his value in the kingdom.*



*A good steward is of solid worth. But where there are currencies, they will be devalued; where there are stock markets, they will crash; where there are pyramid schemes, they will collapse; where there are commodities, they will cease. For true value does not lie in the riches of this world.*

*When I lived to please myself, I coveted material possessions; when I surrendered my life and works to the Master, I put my own interests behind me. My reason for living is to manage well that with which I am gifted. Time, talent and treasure are only mine for a purpose and I am accountable for their use.*

*Now, to us is given the privilege of serving; then we shall be elevated to rule and reign with Christ. Now, we are entrusted with a small portion; then we shall be endowed with all the riches of the new heaven and new earth.*

*And now these three please the Master: devotion, benevolence and stewardship. But the good steward carries out the purposes of God.*