

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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## Faithful & Wise Managers

Why good management is so important  
according to scripture

## FAITHFUL & WISE MANAGERS

6 Week series about learning to manage the inheritance or responsibility that God has given you.

*Luke 12:42 (NIV) <sup>42</sup>The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise **manager**, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?*

The word ‘manager’ in the NT is important because it is the same as the world “steward”

**Greek: G3874 oikonomos**, [<sup>√</sup> 3875 (house) + 3795 (regulations)]. manager, administrator, director, steward, trustee

From the root of: MANAGER = HOUSE + REGULATIONS

So 'managing' is about being a good steward - effectively **governing** a household for order & growth

**Why is it so important?**

*Exodus 23:27-30 (NIV) <sup>27</sup>"I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. <sup>28</sup>I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. <sup>29</sup> **But** I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too*

*numerous for you. <sup>30</sup> Little by little I will drive them out before you, **until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.***

**This shows that God can easily and speedily give us victories of growth and breakthrough.**

- But if we have not grown our capacity to possess (or manage) the inheritance, it can become:
- **Desolate** - means we are not able to manage the breakthrough
- **Wild animals too numerous** - the enemy will take back what was given

*“Increased enough to possess the land”* - in other words the rate at which we can grow our stewardship will determine the rate at which God gives growth!

**Illust:** Opened our new building we saw church attendance double but we were not sufficiently ready to carry the doubling of the church. So

many people visited and many got saved but many didn't stay because we didn't have the leadership capacity to integrate and discipline them.

## **WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT? BECAUSE GOD WILL ONLY *GIVE YOU* WHAT YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY *MANAGE* OR STEWARD**

### **Each week an example of the WHO and the HOW - FAITHFUL & WISE**

- WHO a Biblical Manager is - IDENTITY - FAITHFUL
- HOW a Biblical Manager functions - SKILL SET - WISE

#### **THE WHO:**

- 1. BIBLICAL MANAGERS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

*Luke 12:40-48 (NIV)* <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

<sup>41</sup> Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?”

<sup>42</sup> The Lord answered, **“Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?”** <sup>43</sup> It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. <sup>44</sup> Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>45</sup> But suppose the servant says to himself, ‘My master is taking a long time to come,’ and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. <sup>46</sup> The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

<sup>47</sup> **“The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the**

***master wants*** will be beaten with many blows.

*<sup>48</sup>But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with a few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”*

**Note what a manager does:** “*Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master **puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?***”

**This is so practical:**

- It's budgets
- It's rosters
- It's timetables

**Personal:** Always seen ‘management’ as the ugly step sister of LEADERSHIP

- We are called to be leader and pioneers, not managers

- Yes, we are a pioneering people
- **BUT if we cannot MANAGE or STEWARD what God has led us into, then God will not lead us into more!**
- Leadership breakthroughs follow management faithfulness!

**So first step of REPENTANCE for me has been to see MANAGEMENT as STEWARDSHIP - a crucial Kingdom skill**

And to realize that without the ability to STEWARD into growth and multiplication what God has given then God will slow the rate at which He gives breakthroughs

## **PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT**

**BIBLICAL MANAGERS consistently maintain healthy routines**

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*“...he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk.”*

**Jesus lists four activities of a manager in this story - two done well, two done badly**

1. **ALLOWANCE** - that means budgets and correct allocation of resources. The way you administer resources - money, time, energy and stuff is crucial. Good managers know that resources are limited and the correct allocation of resources is crucial.
2. **PROPER TIME** - the scheduling of time is crucial to management. There is “on time” for things to begin. There is “in time” for delivering on expectations.
3. **TREATMENT OF PEOPLE** - here the wicked manager began to beat them and discipline them in a harsh way. Ultimately all



management is going to come down to managing people. The way we treat, inspire and direct the people in our teams is critical to good stewardship.

4. **EAT AND DRINK AND GET DRUNK** - the personal example of the manager is so important to the well being of the team. People do what people see.

### ONE QUESTION TO PONDER:

What has been your perception of MANAGING? Positive or negative? Important or not so important? How does this need to change?

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