

Sermon Notes

“Christian Life Management: Talents”

Romans 12:1, 4-11

Intro

Big idea: Being grateful for the gift of salvation, Christians are to be good managers of all God’s gifts.

I. Christian stewardship defined: The management of all we have and all we are in gratitude for God’s mercy in Christ.

1. A steward is a manager of resources.
2. Our talents are resources from God.
3. We are to use our talents in ministry.

II. What is your SHAPE for ministry.

S = Spiritual Gifts = Holy Spirit empowered gifts of service.

Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Eph. 4:11

H = Heart; fervency, passion

Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1

A = Abilities; natural talent

e.g. music, crafts & art, athletics, numbers

P = Personality; individual temperament, demeanor

e.g. Peter & John; Martin Luther & John Calvin

E = Experience = what you have encountered or been through

2 Cor. 1:3-4

III. The most important thing. Rom. 12:11

Personal applic.