

Stewardship Requires Steadfastness, Resolve and Vision

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Prov 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Hos 12:6 But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

Ps 37:24 though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Job 17:9 Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.

John 15:7-8 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Steadfastness: (Keeping your life in balance)

A balanced life put – THINGS (Wealth) / TIME / TALENT / RELATIONSHIPS / ENERGY in their proper place

Most of our life is lived subtly – That is to say by routine & Habit. These subtle things lead us to the great moments of our lives and lay a foundation for our choices.

Signs that your life is getting out of balance:

Busyness - Prayerlessness – Nagging - Guilt
Emotional - Stress
Financial / Debt
Escapism behavior
Depression - Frustration
Lack of Focus

Resolve: (attitudes that foster success)

Delay gratification (*Heb. 12:11*) *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

Accountability (*Ecc. 4:9-12*) *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Set Your Vision (*1 Peter 5:10-11*) *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Realize God's Grace (*Ps 84:5-7*) *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.*

Visionary: (Seeing through eyes of Faith)

See the plan of God and get involved

Gen 6:8 - 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Able to see the needs of others

Matt 24:45-47 - "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Investing in a solid investment

Matt 6:19-21 - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.