



SERIES: Spiritual Fitness: Christian Living

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Scripture: Luke 12:48/ Ephesians 5:15-17 / 1 Peter 4:10 / Luke 16:10-12

TITLE: The Jesus Principle

“With great power comes great responsibility”. That quote has been popularized by the Marvel franchise. In the Spiderman comics and movies, Uncle Ben told young Peter Parker this. It’s become known as the Peter Parker Principle. But did you know that it wasn’t an Uncle Ben original? No, it wasn’t. It was Jesus Christ. Jesus said in [Luke 12:48](#), “When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more, will be required.” ([Luke 12:48b-c](#), NLT)

This quote is all about stewardship. And stewardship is something every Christian must embrace. What is stewardship? Stewardship is the management of something. Biblical stewardship is the right stewardship of our time, our talents, and our treasures.

So how should we manage these well? Well, let’s go back to the Bible for the answer:

[Ephesians 5:15-17](#) says, “So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

This is stewardship of time. Paul says to make the most of every opportunity. Have you ever heard that time is our most precious commodity? That’s a common thought. But it’s not. We are all allotted 24 hours a day. Our most precious commodity is our attention. What are we focusing on? What are we giving our attention to? Paul says, whatever it is, make sure you’re doing it well. Live with wisdom in each moment. Seize the day for Christ. God has a will for your life. That’s to glorify Him in your worship and outreach. So, live wisely. That’s stewardship of time.

[1 Peter 4:10](#) says, “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” God has gifted every child with spiritual gifts. The question is will you get to know them? Will you lean into them? Will you use them for God’s glory and the service of the church? If so, that will be good stewardship of your talents.

Jesus said in [Luke 16](#), ““If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? ([Luke 16:10-12](#)). Jesus’ words are to the point. Will you manage your money well? It’s God’s money He has loaned you. Will you use it for His kingdom and for His

glory or for your legacy and your consumption? Using it with wisdom is Godly stewardship of our treasures.

God has given us time, talents, and treasures, so whatever we have, and whatever we do, let's do it for God's glory.

So here's my challenge for you today. What is one thing you can do to be a better steward with your time, talents, and treasure? What is one thing in each area you will do this week? We all have one thing we can do better.

If you feel inclined, share below in the comments. We want to encourage your pursuit of spiritual fitness by faithful stewardship. So let us encourage and pray for you.

When we lean into spiritual fitness, we will win the day.