

The Bible term for responsibility is "stewardship."

Steward (3623 oikonomos) A manager, overseer, employee, treasurer,  
Where we get the English word, "**economy**"

Our "economy" (both individual, corporate, national) is determined by how we manage what God has entrusted to us!

Luke 12:42 – "...that **faithful and wise steward** whom **the Lord shall make ruler** over his household..." (see v. 43, 44)

God expects us to properly "steward" (responsibly) everything that He gives us!

- Children
- Jobs / occupations / money / resources
- Power / authority / influence
- Spiritual endowments / gifts / skills / abilities / revelation
- Life / our bodies
- Relationships
- Our character
- TIME

(v.43) "*Blessed is that steward whom his lord when he comes shall find him doing.*"

(v.44) "*...he will make him ruler over all that he has.*"

(v. 45) Abusiveness and irresponsibility in delegated oversight.

Lack of proper stewardship on our part holds back the hand of God!

Characteristics of the unfaithful steward: (Luke 16)

(v.1) he **wasted** his master's goods (see also Ch. 15:13 – the prodigal son)

(v.2) he was **unaccountable**

(v.3) he was **lazy** / and he was **proud**

**Faithfulness in little leads to much.** (v.10)

- If we don't give with a little, we won't give with much.

**Faithfulness in unrighteous things leads to true riches.** (v.11)

- How are we caring for the physical, material things?

**Faithfulness in someone else's leads to your own.** (v.12)

- Things, possessions, husband/wife, reputation, etc...