

Matthew 20

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

² And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire [pay for services], beginning from the last unto the first.

Steward – NT:2012 – epitropos (ep-it'-rop-os); from NT:1909 and NT:5158 (in the sense of NT:2011); a commissioner, i.e. domestic manager, guardian: KJV - steward, tutor.

...from – NT:1909 – epi (ep-ee'); a primary preposition; properly, meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.), as a relation of distribution [with the genitive case], i.e. over, upon, etc.; of rest (with the det.) at, on, etc.; of direction (with the accusative case) towards, upon, etc.:

KJV - about (the times), above, after, against, among, as long as (touching), at, beside, X have charge of, (be-, [wherefore-]), in (a place, as much as, the time of, -to), (because) of, (up-) on (behalf of), over, (by, for) the space of, through (-out), (un-) to (-ward), with. In compounds it retains essentially the same import, at, upon, etc. (literally or figuratively).

...from – NT:5158 – tropos (trop'-os); from the same as NT:5157; a turn, i.e. (by implication) mode or style (especially with preposition or relative prefix as adverb, like); figuratively, deportment [manner, posture, demeanor, behavior]or character [personality, disposition, moral fiber] : KJV - (even) as, conversation, [+like] manner, (+by any) means, way.

...from – NT:5157 – trope (trop-ay'); from an apparently primary trepo (to turn); a turn ("trope"), i.e. revolution (figuratively, variation): KJV - turning.

Labourers – NT:2040 – ergates (er-gat'-ace); from NT:2041; a toiler; figuratively, a teacher: KJV - labourer, worker (-men).

...from – NT:2041 – ergon (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

Supposed – NT:3543 – nomizo (nom-id'-zo); from NT:3551; properly, to do by law (usage), i.e. to accustom (passively, be usual); by extension, to deem or regard: KJV - suppose, thing, be wont.

...from – NT:3551 – nomos (nom'-os); from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); law (through the idea of prescriptive usage), genitive case (regulation), specifically (of Moses [including the volume]; also of the Gospel), or fig (a principle): KJV - law.

Galatians 2

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law**, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Matthew 20 (cont)

¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Goodman of the house – NT:3617 – oikodespotes (oy-kod-es-pot'-ace); from NT:3624 and NT:1203; the head of a family: KJV - goodman (of the house), householder, master of the house. ...from – NT:3624 – oikos (oy'-kos); of uncertain affinity; a dwelling (more or less extensive, literal or figurative); by implication a family (more or less related, literal or figuratively): KJV - home, house (-hold), temple.

...from – NT:1203 – despotes (des-pot'-ace); perhaps from NT:1210 and posis (a husband); an absolute ruler ("despot"): KJV - Lord, master.

...from – NT:1210 – deo (deh'-o); a primary verb; to bind (in various applications, literally or figuratively): KJV - bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind. See also NT:1163, NT:1189.

¹² Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend [comrade], I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Malachi 3

⁵ And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be **a swift witness** against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and **against those that oppress the hireling in his wages**, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Luke 3

¹⁴ And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and **be content with your wages [pay]**.

Content – NT:714 – arkeo (ar-keh'-o); apparently a primary verb [but probably akin to NT:142 through the idea of raising a barrier]; properly, to ward off, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory): KJV - be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient. From a Hebraism that means to expiate sin -> don't sin.

John 4

³⁶ And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

2 Peter 2

¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Matthew 20 (cont)

Job 34

¹¹ For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

Render – OT:7999 – shalam (shaw-lam'); a primitive root; to be safe (in mind, body or estate); figuratively, to be (causatively, make) completed; by implication, to be friendly; by extension, to reciprocate (in various applications):

KJV - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, make good, (re-) pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace (-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper (-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.

Matthew 10

¹⁰ Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

Galatians 6

⁴ But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Mark 13

³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

³⁴ For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Authority – NT:1849 – exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah); from NT:1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: KJV - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

...from – NT:1832 – exestin (ex'-es-teen) or exesti (ex'-es-tee); third person singular present indicative of a compound of NT:1537 and NT:1510; so also exon (ex-on'); neuter present participle of the same (with or without some form of NT:1510 expressed); impersonally, it is right (through the figurative idea of being out in public):

KJV - be lawful, let, X may (-est).

Work – NT:2041 – ergon (er'-gon); from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by implication, an act: KJV - deed, doing, labour, work.

³⁵ Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

³⁶ Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Suddenly – NT:1810 – exaiphnes (ex-ah'-eef-nace); from NT:1537 and the base of NT:160; of a sudden (unexpectedly): KJV - suddenly. Compare NT:1819.

³⁷ And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Watch – NT:1127 – gregoreuo (gray-gor-yoo'-o); from NT:1453; to keep awake, i.e. watch (literally or figuratively): KJV - be vigilant, wake, (be) watch (-ful).

...from – NT:1453 – egeiro (eg-i'-ro); probably akin to the base of NT:58 (through the idea of collecting one's faculties); to waken (transitively or intransitively), i.e. rouse (literally, from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively, from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence):

KJV - awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.

Luke 12

⁴² And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Faithful – NT:4103 – pistos (pis-tos'); from NT:3982; objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful: KJV - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

...from – NT:3982 – peitho (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexively or passively, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty):

KJV - agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Wise – NT:5429 – phronimos (fron'-ee-mos); from NT:5424; thoughtful, i.e. sagacious or discreet (implying a cautious character; while NT:4680 denotes practical skill or acumen; and NT:4908 indicates rather intelligence or mental acquirement); in a bad sense conceited (also in the comparative): KJV - wise (-r).

...from – NT:5424 – phren (frane); probably from an obsolete phrao (to rein in or curb; compare NT:5420); the midrif (as a partition of the body), i.e. (figuratively and by implication, of sympathy) the feelings (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the mind or cognitive faculties): KJV - understanding.

...from – NT:5420 – phrasso (fras'-so); apparently a strengthening form of the base of NT:5424; to fence or inclose, i.e. (specifically) to block up (figuratively, to silence): KJV - stop.

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Steward – NT:3623 – oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os); from NT:3624 and the base of NT:3551; a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel): KJV - chamberlain, governor, steward.

Luke 12

⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Blessed – NT:3107 – makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV - blessed, happy (X -ier).

So – NT:3779 – houto (hoo'-to); or (before a vowel) houtos (hoo'-toce); adverb from NT:3778; in this way (referring to what precedes or follows):

KJV - after that, after (in) this manner, as, even (so), for all that, like (-wise), no more, on this fashion (-wise), so (in like manner), thus, what.

Servant – NT:1401 – doulos (doo'-los); from NT:1210; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency):

KJV - bond (-man), servant.

...from – NT:1210 – deo (deh'-o); a primary verb; to bind (in various applications, literally or figuratively): KJV - bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind. See also NT:1163, NT:1189.

⁴⁴ Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Ruler – NT:2525 – kathistemi (kath-is'-tay-mee); from NT:2596 and NT:2476; to place down (permanently), i.e. (figuratively) to designate, constitute, convoy:

KJV - appoint, be, conduct, make, ordain, set. NT:2526 'katholikos (kath-ol-ee-kos'); from NT:2527; universal: KJV - general.

...from – NT:2596 – kata (kat-ah'); a primary particle; (prepositionally) **down** (in place or time), in varied relations (according to the case [genitive case, dative case or accusative case] with which it is joined):

KJV - about, according as (to), after, against, (when they were) X alone, among, and, X apart, (even, like) as (concerning, pertaining to touching), X aside, at, before, beyond, by, to the charge of, [charita-] bly, concerning, + covered, [daily-], down, every, (+far more) exceeding, X more excellent, for, from ... to, godly, in (-asmuch, divers, every, -to, respect of), ... by, after the manner of, + by any means, beyond (out of) measure, X mightily, more, X natural, of (up-) on (X part), out (of every), over against, (+your) X own, + particularly, so, through (-oughout, -oughout every), thus, (un-) to (-gether, -ward), X uttermost, where (-by), with. In composition it retains many of these applications, and frequently denotes opposition, distribution, or intensity.

...from – NT:2476 – histemi (his'-tay-mee); a prolonged form of a primary stao (stah'-o) (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to stand (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively):

KJV - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up).

⁴⁵ But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

⁴⁶ The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

⁴⁷ And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

⁴⁸ But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

⁴⁹ **I am come to send fire on the earth;** and what will I, if it be already kindled?

⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

⁵¹ **Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:**

⁵² For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

Luke 16

¹ And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

Steward – NT:3623 – oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os); from NT:3624 and the base of NT:3551; a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel):

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² And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Account – NT:3056 – logos (log'-os); from NT:3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

KJV - account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

...from – NT:3004

lego (leg'-o); a primary verb; properly, to "lay" forth, i.e. (figuratively) relate (in words [usually of systematic or set discourse; whereas NT:2036 and NT:5346 generally refer to an individual expression or speech respectively; while NT:4483 is properly, to break silence merely, and NT:2980 means an extended or random harangue]); by implication, to mean:

KJV - ask, bid, boast, call, describe, give out, name, put forth, say (-ing, on), shew, speak, tell, utter.

Stewardship – NT:3622 – oikonomia (oy-kon-om-ee'-ah); from NT:3623; administration (of a household or estate); specifically, a (religious) "economy": KJV - dispensation, stewardship.

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Steward – NT:3621 – oikonomeo (oy-kon-om-eh'-o); from NT:3623; to manage (a house, i.e. an estate): KJV - be steward.

...from – NT:3623 – oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os); from NT:3624 and the base of NT:3551; a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel):

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Luke 16 (cont)

³ Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

⁴ I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

⁵ So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

⁶ And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

⁷ Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

⁸ And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

1 Timothy 6

¹ Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

² And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

³ If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

⁴ He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

⁵ Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.

⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

¹³ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

¹⁴ That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

¹⁵ Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

¹⁶ Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

¹⁷ Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

A Steward of the Mysteries

1 Corinthians 4

¹ Let a man so account of us [the saints], as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

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Ministers – NT:5257 – huperetes (hoop-ay-ret'-ace); from NT:5259 and a derivative of eresso (to row); an under-oarsman, i.e. (generally) subordinate (assistant, sexton, constable):

KJV - minister, officer, servant.

...from – NT:5259 – hupo (hoop-o'); a primary preposition; under, i.e. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through); (with the accusative case) of place (whither [underneath] or where [below] or time (when [at]):

KJV - among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In comp. it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specifically, covertly or moderately.

Account – NT:3049 – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ah-ee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

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Mysteries – NT:3466 – musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites):

KJV - mystery.

Matthew 13

¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mark 4

¹¹ And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Luke 8

¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Romans 11

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

A Steward of the Mysteries (Cont)

1 Corinthians 4

¹ Let a man so account of us [the saints], as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Romans 16

²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²⁵ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

1 Corinthians 2

⁶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 13

² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Ephesians 1

⁸ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 6

¹⁹ And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Colossians 1

²⁵ Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Colossians 2

² That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

A Steward is Faithful

1 Corinthians 4

² Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Required – NT:2212 – zeteo (dzay-teh'-o); of uncertain affinity; to seek (literally or figuratively); specially, (by Hebraism) to worship (God), or (in a bad sense) to plot (against life):

KJV - be (go) about, desire, endeavour, enquire (for), require, (X will) seek (after, for, means).

Stewards – NT:3623 – oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os); from NT:3624 and the base of NT:3551; a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel):

KJV - chamberlain, governor, steward.

...from – NT:3624 – oikos (oy'-kos); of uncertain affinity; a dwelling (more or less extensive, literal or figurative); by implication a family (more or less related, literal or figuratively):

KJV - home, house (-hold), temple.

Faithful – NT:4103 – pistos (pis-tos'); from NT:3982; objectively, trustworthy; subjectively, trustful:

KJV - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.

...from NT:3982 – peitho (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince (by argument), true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate [make peace, resolve differences] (by other fair means); reflexively or passively, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty):

KJV - agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Hebrews 11

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Substance – NT:5287 – hupostasis (hoop-os'-tas-is); from a compound of NT:5259 and NT:2476; a setting under (support), i.e. (figuratively) concretely, essence, or abstractly, assurance (objectively or subjectively): KJV - confidence, confident, person, substance.

Evidence – NT:1650 – elegchos (el'-eng-khos); from NT:1651; proof, conviction:

KJV - evidence, reproof.

...from – NT:1651 – elegcho (el-eng'-kho); of uncertain affinity; to confute, admonish:

KJV - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

A Steward is a worker

Titus 1 “to convince (by argument)”

⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

⁸ But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Temperate – NT:1468 – egkrates (eng-krat-ace'); from NT:1722 and NT:2904; strong in a thing (masterful), i.e. (figuratively and reflexively) self-controlled (in appetite, etc.):

KJV - temperate.

...from – NT:1722 – en (en); a primary preposition denoting (fixed) position (in place, time or state), and (by implication) instrumentality (medially or constructively), i.e. a relation of rest (intermediate between NT:1519 and NT:1537); "in," at, (up-) on, by, etc.:

KJV - about, after, against, + almost, X altogether, among, X as, at, before, between, (here-) by (+all means), for (... sake of), + giveself wholly to, (here-) in (-to, -wardly), X mightily, (because) of, (up-) on, [openly-], X outwardly, one, X quickly, X shortly, [speedily-], X that, X there (-in, -on), through (-out), (un-) to (-ward), under, when, where (-with), while, with (-in). Often used in compounds, with substantially the same import; rarely with verbs of motion, and then not to indicate direction, except (elliptically) by a separate (and different) preposition.

...from NT:2904 – kratos (krat'-os); perhaps a primary word; vigor ["great"] (literally or figuratively):
KJV - dominion, might [-ily], power, strength.

⁹ Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, **that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.**

¹⁰ For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

¹¹ Whose **mouths must be stopped**, who subvert whole houses, **teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**

¹² One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

Slow – NT:692 – argos (ar-gos'); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:2041; inactive, i.e. unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless: KJV - barren, idle, slow.

Bellies – NT:1064 – gaster (gas-tare'); of uncertain derivation; the stomach; by analogy, the matrix; figuratively, a gourmand: KJV - belly, + with child, womb.

¹³ This witness is true. Wherefore **rebuke them sharply**, that they may be sound in the faith;

¹⁴ Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled [by their own imaginations].

¹⁶ **They profess that they know God**; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Stewards of God Grace (Stewards are gifted)

1 Peter 4

¹⁰ As every man hath received **the gift**, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Gift – NT:5486 – charisma (khar'-is-mah); from NT:5483; a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty: KJV - (free) gift.

...From – NT:5483 – charizomai (khar-id'-zom-ah-ee); middle voice from NT:5485; to grant as a favor, i.e. gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue:

KJV - deliver, (frankly) forgive, (freely) give, grant.

...from – NT:5485 – charis (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): ---**Are you so inclined...if not you need to ramp up**

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

...from – NT:5463 – chairō (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

Good – NT:2570 – kalos (kal-os'); of uncertain affinity; properly, beautiful, but chiefly (figuratively) good (literally or morally), i.e. valuable or virtuous (for appearance or use, and thus distinguished from NT:18, which is properly intrinsic):

KJV - X better, fair, good (-ly), honest, meet, well, worthy.

Stewards – NT:3623 – konomos (oy-kon-om'-os); from NT:3624 and the base of NT:3551; a house-distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i.e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel):

KJV - chamberlain, governor, steward.

Manifold – NT:4164 – poikilos (poy-kee'-los); of uncertain derivation; motley, i.e. various in character: KJV - divers, manifold.

Grace – NT:5485 – charis (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

...from – NT:5463 – chairō (khah'-ee-ro); a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

2 Timothy 1

¹² For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against **that day**.

James 1

²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted from the world**.

2 Peter 3

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of

Hebrews 7

⁷ And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

⁸ And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

⁹ And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.him in peace, **without spot, and blameless**.