

## **The Lord's Servant – A Faithful Steward (Pt. 2)**

**Colossians 1:24–29**

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**Main Idea:** Paul lays down for us through his own life a model for ministry. The Lord's servant must not only be a joyful sufferer but a faithful steward.

- I. A Joyful Sufferer (v. 24)**
- II. A Faithful Steward (vv. 25–27)**
  - a. Stewardship is a Gift. (v. 25)**
  - b. Stewardship is for the Benefit of Others (v. 25)**
  - c. Stewardship Involves Fulfilling Your Role (v. 25)**
    - i. To Fully Preach the Word of God**
    - ii. To Faithfully Reveal the Mystery of God**
      - 1. The Nature of the Mystery (v. 26)**
      - 2. The Content of the Mystery (Eph. 2:11-13)**
      - 3. The Richness of the Mystery (v. 27)**

### **Extending the Impact:**

1. Paul was a faithful sufferer. How could have prevented much of his suffering? How much of his suffering was related to him being a faithful steward?
2. When it comes to serving in the church, the Bible has much to say about what ministry is NOT: Look up Mark 10:45 and describe what true serving is and isn't according to the Lord.
3. Jesus warns about the pitfalls of Christian ministry in the areas of giving, praying, and fasting. (Matthew 6:1-10). How is one motivated to pursue these activities in an ungodly way? How does Galatians 1:10 address the correct motivation in pursuing these godly pursuits?



4. Read Colossians 1:24-29 and list the godly attitudes you observe in Paul's willingness to faithfully embrace his ministry.
5. In your own words, what does it mean to be a servant of the Lord? What does healthy and authentic ministry look like? Take a few moments to reflect on your own life, comparing your present attitudes and commitment in serving your Lord.
6. Paul made it clear that his role in the church was a sovereign gift of God. He was made a "servant of the church." How have believers been made ministers in Christ's Church? How did believers earn that privilege? Read 2 Cor. 4:1-2 and explain how "ministry" is enabled with God's mercy.
7. Think about the statement, "ministry is not self-driven." Besides glorifying God, why do believers serve in the church? (1 Peter 4:10)
8. How do believers intentionally and unintentionally squander their stewardship?
9. Read Eph. 3:5-6 and Col 1:27 and identify the now revealed mystery. How does this effect your position as a believer in Christ? Read Col. 1:15-20 and dwell on the richness of what you possess being reconciled in Christ.

