

# Summary

In this sermon from the 'Exiled' series on First Peter, the pastor explores what it means to be stewards of God's gifts while living as exiles in the world. Using First Peter 4, he examines both the attitudes and actions that characterize faithful stewardship. The message emphasizes that as Christians, we are called to have attitudes of commitment, sober-mindedness, and judgment (self-evaluation), while demonstrating actions of self-control, prayer, love, hospitality, and service. The pastor reminds the congregation that God has given each believer specific gifts to use for the benefit of others and the kingdom.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss what it means to be good stewards of Your gifts, open our hearts to Your truth. Help us to honestly examine our attitudes and actions as Your exiles in this world. May Your Holy Spirit guide our conversation, revealing areas where we might be holding back from full commitment to You. Give us the courage to be vulnerable with one another and the wisdom to apply these truths to our daily lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Ice Breaker

If you had to describe your approach to life using a household item, what would it be and why?

## Key Verses

1. 1 Peter 4:1
2. 1 Peter 4:7-8
3. 1 Peter 4:10
4. Matthew 16:24
5. Romans 12:12-14

## Questions

1. The sermon mentions that stewards recognize they are not the end of the line but report to someone else. How does this perspective change how you approach your responsibilities?
2. The pastor suggests we often hold certain parts of our lives back from God. What area of your life do you find most difficult to fully surrender to Christ?
3. How would you define being 'sober-minded' in today's culture? What influences might lead Christians away from sound judgment?
4. The sermon mentions that knowledge of future judgment should lead to an attitude of wisdom. How does the reality that you will give an account to God affect your daily decisions?
5. The pastor discusses how we create the environment we find ourselves in through our repeated habits and attitudes. How have you seen this play out in your own relationships?
6. What practical steps could you take to show more hospitality in your life? What barriers prevent you from being more hospitable?
7. The sermon mentions that God has given each believer specific gifts to use. What gifts do you

# Life Application

This week, take time to identify one gift God has given you that you may not be fully utilizing for His kingdom. Pray about how you might steward this gift more faithfully. Then, take one concrete step toward using this gift to serve others. This could mean volunteering in a ministry that aligns with your gifting, reaching out to a neighbor in hospitality, or finding a new way to love and serve those in your immediate circle. Remember that we are called to be stewards who will one day give an account for how we've used what God has entrusted to us.

## Key Takeaways

1. As stewards, we should have an attitude of total commitment to Christ, not holding any part of our lives back from Him.
2. Being sober-minded means not allowing ourselves to be captivated by influences that lead us away from sound judgment.
3. We will give an account to Jesus for our thoughts, actions, and words, which should motivate us to live wisely.
4. God has given each believer specific gifts to be used in service to others as good stewards of His grace.
5. Following Jesus completely involves engaging our head (knowledge), heart (love), and hands (service).

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for entrusting us with Your gifts and calling us to be faithful stewards. Forgive us for the times we've held back parts of ourselves from Your lordship or failed to use our gifts to serve others. Help us to live with the attitudes of commitment, sober-mindedness, and wise judgment that honor You. Empower us through Your Spirit to demonstrate self-control, prayer, love, hospitality, and service in our daily lives. May we steward well what You've given us, so that one day we might hear those precious words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' In Your name we pray, amen.