

## Daily Devotional, September 3, 2020

### 'Faithfulness Required', (1 Corinthians 4:2)

*“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”* (1 Corinthians 4:2, NKJV)

A steward is someone who is entrusted with the care and proper use of that which belongs to another. Christians are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and of the natural and spiritual gifts that God has imparted to them. Whatever God has called you to do, and however God has gifted you, the Lord requires that you minister faithfully. *“Be ready in season and out of season”* (2 Timothy 4:2). Whether you are the man preaching from the pulpit or the young lady raising children in the home, have the same mind as the Apostle Paul, who said, *“necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel”* (1 Corinthians 9:16). And do it with the same urgency that caused Jesus to say, *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work”* (John 9:4). Note in our text that it says that *“it is required”*. There are no conditions laid. Pandemics, social unrest, and economic turmoil all tend to the unsettling of the souls of men. We ought to be redoubling our efforts to share the spiritual solution—faith, hope, and trust in Christ alone! Let us make no excuses not to do that which is required. Do you think that if household stewards in Bible days shirked their duties, that they would go unpunished? The requirement is that we *“be found faithful.”* God does not expect us to make miracles happen, although that does not preclude Him from making great things happen as a result of our faithfulness. God is no despiser of *“small things”* (Zechariah 4:10). So if you can't do something great, then do something small, and that will matter much in God's eyes, for it is evidence of faithfulness. As a certain football coach is famous for saying, *“Do your job.”* If each of us does our appointed work in the Body of Christ for God's Glory, then we will be a part of what the Master is doing in our midst. So I ask you to answer this honestly as I close today, *“Are you a faithful steward in the service of God?”*