Morning Lesson

FAITHFULLY USING TALENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES 1 Cor. 4:1, 2

INTRO:

- 1. In order to be successful in my service to God I must understand my stewardship.
- 2. Stewardship extends to all areas of life.

I. FAITHFUL USE OF TIME.

- A. The apostles took time to serve -- they left their work. Matt. 4:18-22
- B. Life is a vapor -- use time wisely. James 4:13, 14
- C. Redeem the time. Eph. 5:15, 16

II. FAITHFUL USE OF MONEY.

- A. Our money is not our own. Psalm 50:10-12
- B. We will reap as we sow in giving. 2 Cor. 9:6
- C. We are to lay up treasures in heaven. Matt. 6:19-21; 19:21

III. FAITHFUL USE OF LIFE.

- A. We are not our own. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Ezek. 18:4
- B. We are to give ourselves. 2 Cor. 8:5
- C. We are to give our bodies. Rom. 12:1, 2
- D. We should give ourselves wholly in service. 1 Tim. 4:13-15

IV. FAITHFUL USE OF THE GOSPEL.

- A. Mysteries of the gospel. 1 Cor. 4:1
- B. It is my duty. Eph. 3:10, 11
- C. If our gospel is hidden, more will be lost. 2 Cor. 4:3-4

CONC:

- 1. In each of these areas, we can use our talents and abilities to be the person God wants us to be.
- 2. We can be unfaithful by simply not using what has been entrusted to us.
- 3. Let us keep our trust.