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Fri, Jul 1, 2022 at 11:08 PM

Gordon,

Let me try to answer your two questions.

First, your understanding of stewardship as found in the Bible is essentially correct. In its most basic sense, a steward was someone placed in charge of something by his master. The expectation is that a steward would take care of those things placed under his care to make sure they were used in the most effective way for the benefit of the one to whom they belonged. As believers we have been given a stewardship by Christ. It involves the spiritual gifts He has given us as well as the natural talents and abilities bestowed on us. The specific stewardship varies from person to person. The key verse in this regard is 1 Corinthians 4:2. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." We all have a stewardship, and someday we will be required to stand before the Lord to give an account of what we have done with those gifts, abilities, and opportunities. In that same context Paul also issues a warning to each of us. "Do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of human hearts" (verse 5). I see that as a reminder to avoid passing judgment too hastily on someone else, especially when it comes to questioning their motives.

Second, you asked about how you can get funding for your ministry. I'm not sure if I can provide a good answer. I've been in ministry long enough to see good ministries struggle while other ministries that seem to do far less for God's kingdom get wealthy by using less-than-God-honoring methods. I'm convinced God will provide a ministry what it needs to accomplish what He wants it to do...even if we feel like we could do more if we had additional financial resources. Having said that, here are my two suggestions: (a) There are times when God wants us to invest our own time and energy to support the ministry to which He has called us. I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul in Acts 18:1-5 where he worked full-time as a tent-maker in Corinth while preaching in the synagogues on the Sabbath. Later God had Timothy and Silas return from Macedonia bringing with them a financial gift from the churches he had helped plant there. At that point, Paul stopped working and was able to devote full-time to ministry (v. 5. See also Philippians 4:15-20). And (b) If you want people to support your writing ministry, you probably need to work as hard as possible to communicate effectively. I went to your websites, and I found them very difficult to read. They come across as harsh and disorganized. I'm not saying you need to pull punches in what you are trying to say. But I would encourage you to spend more time working on communicating in a way that will communicate the truth while attracting and holding the reader's attention. I'm reminded of how Jesus communicated. He shared eternal truth by telling stories and using illustrations. Focus on writing in a way that will enable the "average" person to be able to read and understand the points you're trying to make.

Sorry to ramble on. My point here is that instead of trying to figure out how to get someone to support what you are doing, focus instead on being a steward committed to communicating in the most effective way possible. God might want you to be the one to support your work through your own labor. And if that's the case, just remember you are in good company with the Apostle Paul. But if you focus on being the best steward in the use of your skills and resources, God might bring along others who will be impacted by your ministry in a way that will have them want to help contribute financially.

I hope this is helpful!

Charlie

Dr. Charlie Dyer
The Land and the Book

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On Jul 1, 2022, at 3:42 PM, Moody Radio Program Comments <no-reply@wufoo.com> wrote:

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Message *

Dear Charlie and Jon:

QUESTION: You know how preachers, evangelists, politicians, even news reporters, are highly regarded (or at least highly paid, as in hated politicians!), but if I'm really required to obey GOD'S BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP, wouldn't this also include me using my talents to compel evil lawmakers to do things like: (A) protect our fragile economy from dangerously excessive spending (B) protect our fragile power and telecommunications "GRID" (you know, 911, GPS, Power, Internet, satellites, etc?), even (C) protect our Constitutional rights like bankruptcy Uniformity, protection from illegal price-gouging in necessities like college, Healthcare, basic staples, etc. [Tip: Solar flares, which sometimes knock out power/911, indirectly threaten lives, and lawmakers aren't acting here, and remind me of "Penny-pincher" cheapskate bozo clowns who ran RMS TITANIC & only had enough lifeboats for about 1,100 people when they should've purchased enough commensurate with a ship capacity of about 3,500, thereby losing lives!]

My question for you is 2-fold.

1) Am I not correct to interpret Scripture to understand that stewardship isn't just for "flashy" jobs like evangelists and preachers, but also stewardship of our basic blessings God gave us?

2) Seeing how "big" people can get scads of donations for "missions" and such, but most people make fun of me for trying to use my talents (eg <https://GordonWatts.com> and <https://GordonWayneWatts.com> and my "work" site <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com> PART II, that is), and either say it's not Biblical or maybe that I'm wasting my time on evil politicians... QUESTION: How can I get funding for my worthy, life-saving talents? Website and time off from "paying" work isn't free! Thank you,

Or maybe I should recognise that I'm like Jeremiah & other prophets who are without due honour and just give up, whether or not I could've saved lives/property.

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Thank you so much, Charlie!

Your answer was very helpful in encouraging me. You seem both correct and very complete! (I just knew that Paul's tent making job would come up! Yes, I agree that sometimes I should contribute to my work, by money and not just labour.) And thank you for your kind efforts and attention to detail.

Yes, my websites have the "1980's" feel, especially my 2 namesake ones. But even mobile devices can navigate them. My <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com> page (which I also designed and wrote myself), is much more mobile friendly and more organised. BUT, yes, I hope to review and tweak the navigation design and site map.

Thanks once again.

Just 1 question: How did you type all that? By keyboard manual typing on your smartphone (like I do) or rather a speech to text app? Just curious. You worked real hard either way!

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Sat, Jul 2, 2022 at 10:25 AM

Hi Gordon!

I normally type in using either my MacBook computer or the keyboard I have with my iPad. (I used the iPad and keyboard for my earlier response and this one.) I know young people can type quite rapidly with their thumbs on their phones, but I'm a terrible one-finger typist! The keyboard for my iPad was a great investment for me!

Hope this is helpful!

Charlie

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Thx again 4 replying, Charlie. 😊👍 I also prefer a "real" keyboard to this tiny smartphone pop up keyboard. And I prefer talking to typing... but, I don't like the hit-or-miss accuracy of talk-to-text, and usually "real" keyboards are huge and inconvenient in most cases/places. (So, I've learned to love this little smartphone.)

I was mentioned in Show Episode comments for my call in last night in OPEN LINES portion of the legendary COAST:

** <https://www.CoastToCoastam.com/show/2022-07-01-show/>

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I list 2 archive links of that show page... in case, say, the "GRID" goes down on the main page. And have included one screenshot attachment (hoping it gets past MOODY email spam filters.)

QUOTE from last paragraph: ["" Calling from Florida, Gordon talked about the work he's doing on his Contract with America Part 2. The project's focus, which Gordon criticized both major American political parties for neglecting, is to sound the alarm about the state of the power grid in the United States. At the urging of those in his religious circle, he said, he promised to deliver his information with courtesy and humility. """]

Thx again; you were helpful, Charlie, but, if I may, just 2 brief follow-up questions:

1) am I "almost there" on making my <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com> page very user friendly and easy to navigate? (I.e., better than my 2 "namesake" pages? If not, any thoughts/feedback is welcome.)

2) Your feedback below seems to be more directed at my namesake mirrors (<https://GordonWatts.com> and <https://GordonWayneWatts.com>), and if my inference/guess is correct, 2nd question:

Would my page be a little better if I "cleaned up" (reduced a bit) the "very top of the page" section and put in a few more "Site Map" or "Navigation" entries? (Any specific thoughts are helpful.)

Thank you for any tips you can give me. While we're all human, and you're probably not a "website design" expert, you ARE both a great Christian friend and a real person with good common sense, and as you're an occasional reader to my blogs, a good, if not great, source of occasional tips and helpful feedback.

P.S.: You're welcome to share my 🏠 🌐 worldwide web-ring with anyone, great or small, if you'd like: After all, as I'm "the" Gordon Wayne Watts who almost won the legendary Terri Schiavo case all by myself... doing better even than former Fla Gov Jeb Bush: I'm the smartest 🐱 🐱 🐱 legal cat in the world (I think I've got these humans tricked into thinking I'm one of them!), and thus a public figure... kind of like you and other "big names," and thus ok to toss my name around! (Ask Google "what role did GORDON WAYNE WATTS IN FLORIDA play in the Terri Schiavo case.")

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Thanks,

Gordon

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