

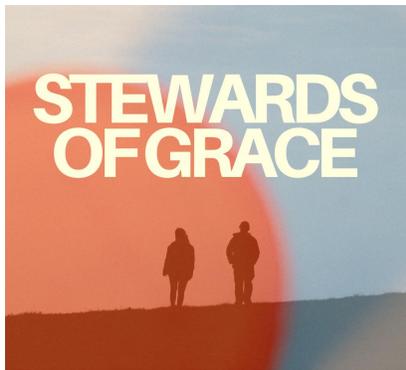
# STEWARDS OF GRACE

## The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. It is a feast meant to contradict the abusive, powerful leaders in Western and European society, who were turning people into commodities. Thus, it is timely to explore the essence of a leader in the Christian context as a matter of stewardship of grace. Indeed, we should be RICH to become stewards of the wealth that comes from God's graciousness.



### 1. Why are we called stewards of grace?

We are called stewards of grace because everything we have or possess is God's grace to us. It is the opposite of SIN.

### 2. What kind of wealth should a leader possess to be truly RICH?

**2.1 RELIABILITY.** A leader should be reliable and can be depended upon in times of need. This wounded world will guarantee trials along the way, as part of our earthly journey. However, those trials become bearable and opportunities for growth (if there are reliable leaders). Moreover, a trustworthy person is someone who earns people's respect and trust. Indeed, Jesus is our model of reliability.

**2.2 INTEGRITY.** Integrity is not just the absence of any false thing or bad attitude in a person. A leader of integrity will always uphold what is good and right, no matter what the consequences are.

**2.3 CHARITY.** Charity or caritas which is primarily about generosity and love is used in different ways/means in the Bible. It covers everything a leader needs: generous with time, talent, and effort in sharing gifts. Jesus said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn. 15:13).

**2.4 HUMILITY.** Humility teaches a leader to embrace his or her own limitations and faults. A leader should:

- listen to the voice and opinions of others;
- be conscious to include others, grow together, and help one another;
- be compassionate to those in need; and
- be empathetic to others' failures.
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### Conclusion:

We live in an unfortunate time when leaders shamelessly expose themselves as being rich in the wrong sense, sucking the life out of people. In contrast, we should be leaders who will lead people closer to the heart of God. We need to be truly RICH like Jesus to lead us to the greatest wealth – Heaven.

### Reflection:

1. Can God rely on you?
2. As a leader, are you considered truly rich? Can you be depended upon to lead people closer to God's heart?

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