

## Conclusion

*“Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”*  
2 Timothy 2:20-21

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## Course Outline:

### Introduction

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2. Faithfulness

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5. Saving, Investing, and Debt
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8. God's Purposes for Rest
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10. God's Purposes for Health
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12. Stewarding Your Skills
13. The Enemy of Stewardship

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## Core Seminars – Christian Discipleship Stewardship Week 12



## Stewarding Your Skills

### INTRODUCTION

How should a Christian think differently about their skills than someone who doesn't follow Jesus?

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” – 1 Peter 4:10-11*

### I. SKILL COMES FROM GOD

*“What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” – 1 Cor. 4:7*

Implications:

1. God delights in your skill (Prov. 22:29)
2. God gets the credit for success (Deut. 8:17-18)
3. Limits in skill are also from God (Ps. 16:6)

## II. YOUR SKILLS EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD

*“...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”*

How does your skill bring glory to God?

1. Your skill is God’s means of provision.
2. Your skill shows off God’s skill.
3. Your skill reveals God’s wisdom.

## III. YOUR SKILLS ARE A STEWARDSHIP

*“...as good stewards of God’s varied grace...”*

1. Pursue excellence (Colossians 3:23).
2. Invest in your skills.

Questions to ask about opportunities for education:

- Will this training improve skills that impact a broad set of responsibilities?
- Does this training translate clearly into earning power?
- For how long will this training constrain me? (e.g. debt)

3. Lay aside some skills.

## IV. YOUR SKILLS ARE FOR SERVICE

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.”*

Skill	ability to write clearly			
How can/does this skill show the glory of God?	communicate truth about God; reflect him as a communicating God			
How does this skill serve others?	Right now: not much. Could write encouraging notes to kids			
How can I be a good steward of this skill?	Look for new places to use it; read a book on the craft of writing			