

## *Women & More*

### ***What He Would Call Them***

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When God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, He charged him with naming the animals, and he was to care for, be a steward for, the 'creation' God had so splendidly made. Stewardship involves **wisdom, hard work, care, and diligence**. And we know that the enemies of stewardship are idleness and selfishness, and the one who is not a good steward, is—in-a-word—a 'sluggard'.

Husbandry as defined by Webster:

n 1 : **the control or judicious use of resources**

#### **Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

**Proverbs 12:10-11, 14, 24, and 27** *"A righteous man **cares** for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel. 11He who **works** his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.*

14*"From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the **work** of his hands rewards him.*

24*"**Diligent** hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.*

27*"The lazy man does not roast his game, but the **diligent** man prizes his possessions."*

**Proverbs 13:22**

**Proverbs 14:1**

**Proverbs 14:23**

**Proverbs 20:4**

**Proverbs 27:23-27** *"Be sure you **know the condition** of your flocks, give **careful attention** to your herds; 24for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.*

25*"When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, 26the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field.*

27*"You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed you and your family and to nourish your servant girls."*

#### **Scripture to Memorize:**

**Genesis 2:15** *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it.**"*

**NOTES on Speaking Session:**

**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

**1. Stewardship is a commodity in itself, and it is priceless!** The wise managing of resources, diligent directing, care giving, and caretaking require help from God. In **Luke 16:1-2** a manager, accused of wasting his master’s possessions, is called to give account. **Fill in the blanks for verse 12 below.**

“And if you have not been \_\_\_\_\_ with someone else’s \_\_\_\_\_, who will give you \_\_\_\_\_ of your own.”

**2.** Biblical lessons on stewardship often center on money, but check all the categories of stewardship you think God’s word also addresses.

- Time
- Energy
- Work
- Care
- Diligence
- Wisdom
- Oversight
- Resources
- Gifting

**3. The more we have been given, the more ‘stewardship’ we have to exercise!** Briefly state what the boundaries of, and the scope of, your responsibilities are today?

**...remembering that God’s awesome part  
is always going to be the lion-share!**

**Recommended Reading:**

- Living Wisely*, Dr. Charles Stanley
- The Lord God Made Them All*, James Herriot
- 31 Days of Wisdom and Praise*, The Bible’s Book of Proverbs