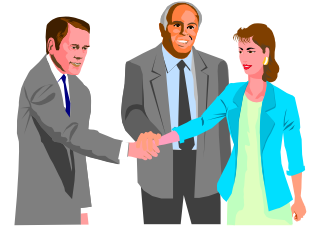


## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### Partners in the Gospel

What is the first task of the Christian steward? Could it be to give thanks? We express our gratitude, first of all, for the Son who has won our salvation for us. We gratefully acknowledge to God all the gifts He daily and richly makes available to us, and we are aware of our responsibility to manage faithfully all the resources our Creator has entrusted to us. How thankful we can be for all these blessings! What a privilege to be called to be God's partner in the stewardship of the Gospel! The Apostle Paul encourages us to be "*suffering for the gospel by the power of God...*" (2 Timothy 1:8).



Our first act of partnership in this gospel is to receive it by faith. Then we speak it; we tell the message of the Gospel wherever and whenever God gives us opportunity, even if it means that we, along with Paul, suffer for it. God will give us grace to rejoice with Peter and the apostles as we are "... *counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name*" (Acts 5:41). Then we accept our responsibilities as Christians; we "walk the walk!" By the grace of God, we "...*let [our] light shine before others, so that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father Who is in heaven*" (Matthew 5:16).

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, let Your light for the world shine through me. Amen.