**The Stewardship of Our Heritage**

**Our Heritage of the Gospel**

**4 Key Principles of Stewardship**

1. God owns everything, you own nothing.

2. God entrusts you with everything you have.

3. You can either increase or diminish what God has given you; God wants you to increase it.

4. You can be called into account at any time, and it may be today.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** - *It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

3 effects of staying tethered to the good news of Jesus Christ

**I. A Heritage of Gospel-Centered Unity – 1:10-17**

A. Instead of a focus on personalities

**1 Corinthians 1:13** - *Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

B. Instead of being focused on practices

**1 Corinthians 1:17** - *For Christ did not send me to baptize…*

C. So that the cross would be central to everything we are

**1 Corinthians 1:17** - *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.*

**II. A Heritage of Gospel-Centered Humility**

A. Humbled by the nature of the message

**1 Corinthians 1:18** - *For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing…*

B. Humbled by the character of the messengers

**1 Corinthians 1:26-29** - *For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.*

C. So that all glory is directed to our crucified and risen Savior

**1 Corinthians 1:30-31** - *But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

**III. A Heritage of Gospel-Centered Focus**

**1 Corinthians 2:2** - *For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.*