

# Steward

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A Steward [**oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os)**] is **diakonos (dee-ak'-on-os)** which means servant and is also by definition **episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')** which means manager and one put into service to look after and tend to the affairs of his master. The term diakonos has been translated as deacon six times in Scripture and is not to be seen as a singular office but as a category or class of multiple offices for which all shepherds occupy. The same is true for episkope. Please see the study on [Church: Forms and Practices](#) for a fuller study on this and other key points of Scripture.

## **3623 οἰκονόμος oikonomos (oy-kon-om'-os)**

from 3624 and the base of 3551; n m; TDNT-5:149,674; { See TDNT 539 }

NAS-manager (3), managers (1), steward (2), stewards (3), treasurer (1).

AV-steward 8, chamberlain 1, governor 1; 10

1) the manager of household or of household affairs

1a) esp. a steward, manager, superintendent (whether free-born or as was usually the case, a freed-man or a slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has intrusted the management of his affairs, the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age

1b) the manager of a farm or landed estate, an overseer

1c) the superintendent of the city's finances, the treasurer of a city (or of treasurers or quaestors of kings)

2) metaph. the apostles and other Christian teachers and bishops and overseers

## **3622 οἰκονομία oikonomia (oy-kon-om-ee'-ah)**

from 3623; n f; TDNT-5:151,674; { See TDNT 539 }

NAS-administration (3), management (3), stewardship (3).

AV-dispensation 4, stewardship 3; 7

1) the management of a household or of household affairs

1a) specifically, the management, oversight, administration, of other's property

1b) the office of a manager or overseer, stewardship

1c) administration, dispensation

## **2012 ἐπίτροπος epitropos (ep-it'-rop-os)**

from 1909 and 5158 (in the sense of 2011); n m; { See TDNT 252 }

NAS-foreman (1), guardians (1), steward (1).

AV-steward 2, tutor 1; 3

1) one to whose care or honor anything has been instructed

1a) a curator, a guardian

1b) a steward or manager of a household, or of lands

1b1) overseer

1c) one who has the care and tutelage of children, either where the father is dead (a guardian of minors), or where the father is still alive

## **Scriptures**

Matthew 20:8

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard \*said to his **foreman <2012 epitropos>**, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.'

Luke 8:3

and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's **steward <2012 epitropos>**, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

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Luke 12:42

And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible **steward** <3623 oikonomos>, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

Luke 16:1-4, 8

Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a **manager** <3623 oikonomos>, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your **management** <3622 oikonomia>, for you can no longer be manager.' "The **manager** <3623 oikonomos> said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the **management** <3622 oikonomia> away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the **management** <3622 oikonomia> people will welcome me into their homes.'"

(8) "And his master praised the unrighteous **manager** <3623 oikonomos> because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

Romans 16:23

Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city **treasurer** <3623 oikonomos> greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

1Corinthians 4:1-2

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and **stewards** <3623 oikonomos> of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of **stewards** <3623 oikonomos> that one be found trustworthy.

1Corinthians 9:17

For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a **stewardship** <3622 oikonomia> entrusted to me.

Galatians 4:2

but he is under **guardians** <2012 epitropos> and **managers** <3623 oikonomos> until the date set by the father.

Ephesians 1:10

with a view to an **administration** <3622 oikonomia> suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

Ephesians 3:2

if indeed you have heard of the **stewardship** <3622 oikonomia> of God's grace which was given to me for you;

Ephesians 3:9

and to bring to light what is the **administration** <3622 oikonomia> of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

Colossians 1:25

Of this church I was made a minister according to the **stewardship** <3622 oikonomia> from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

1Timothy 1:4

nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the **administration** <3622 oikonomia> of God which is by faith.

Titus 1:7

For the overseer must be above reproach as God's **steward** <3623 oikonomos>, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

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1Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good **stewards** <3623 **oikonomos**> of the manifold grace of God.