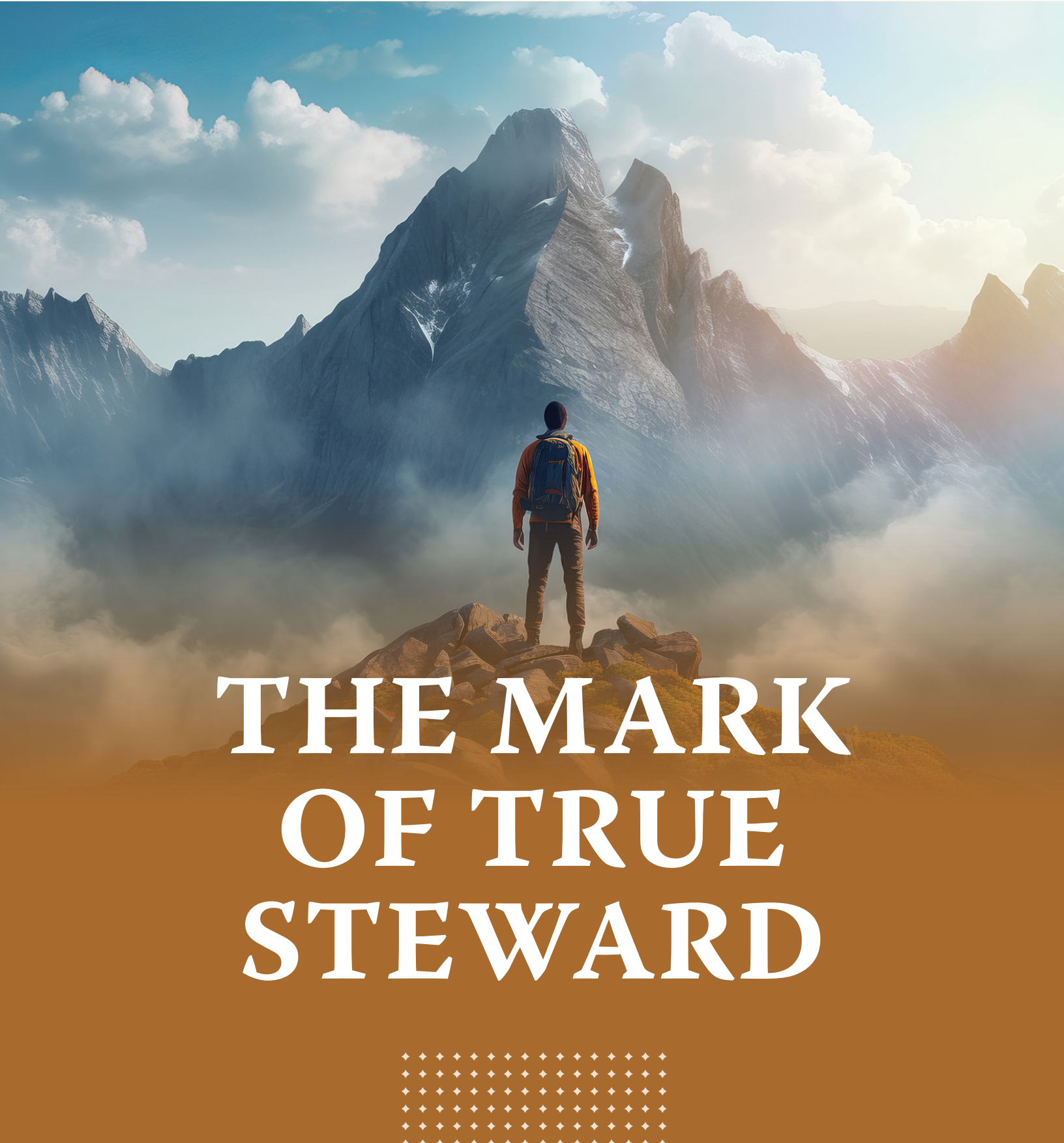




INJOY
Stewardship Solutions™



THE MARK OF TRUE STEWARD



THE MARK OF TRUE STEWARD



Key Verse: Philippians 2:25-30

Introduction:

His name sounds like a dreaded disease, but Epaphroditus was above all a dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ. He epitomized genuine servant-hood, and he demonstrated again and again the mark of the true steward. Epaphroditus knew the truth that Paul had expressed to the Corinthians: "Now what we look for in stewards is that they should be trustworthy."

Trustworthiness-faithful dependability the mark of the true steward, and were wise to examine the ways in which Epaphroditus lived out this truth.

I. He was a Christian who could be counted on. (2:25)

- A. Paul could rely on Epaphroditus in any situation at any time.**
- B. Others had deserted Paul, but not Epaphroditus.**
- C. He was utterly, completely faithful.**

He was a faithful brother. Paul called him "my brother"

He was a faithful worker. Paul called him "my fellow worker"

He was a faithful soldier. Paul called him "my fellow soldier"

He was a faithful messenger Paul called him "your messenger"

He was a faithful minister. Paul said "he cares for my needs"

II. He was a Christian who was compassionate toward others. (2:26-28):

- a. Epaphroditus longed for the Philippian believers.
- b. He was distressed because they were concerned about him.
- c. He ministered compassionately without regard for his own well-being.
- d. He endeared himself to others.

III. He was a Christian who was committed fully to the work of Christ. (2:29-30):

- a. Epaphroditus was so committed that he almost died for the work of Christ.
- b. He was willing to take risks to do God's work.

THE MARK OF TRUE STEWARD



Conclusion/Application:

The desperate need of today is for Christian servants and stewards like Epaphroditus...

Christians who can be counted upon.

Christians who are truly compassionate toward others, more concerned for others than for them-selves.

Christians who are fully committed to the work of Christ, giving generously and sacrificially, and being willing even to take risks to do God's will.

