

## οἰκονόμος – *manager*

[Fri] οἰκονόμος, ου, ὁ (1) literally; (a) one put in charge of a household or estate *steward, manager* ([LU 12.42](#)); (b) a community official in charge of public funds and properties *treasurer, overseer* ([RO 16.23](#)); (2) figuratively, one entrusted by God with spiritual authority and administration *steward, administrator* ([1C 4.1](#))

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οἰκονόμοι N-NM-P οἰκονόμος

[UBS] οἰκονόμος, ου m steward, manager; treasurer (of a city); trustee ([Ga 4.2](#))

[LN] οἰκονόμος ου m (a) manager of a household 46.4 (b) administrator 37.39 (1) οἰκονόμος τῆς πόλεως city treasurer 57.231

46.4 οἰκονόμος, ου *m*: one who is in charge of running a household - 'manager of a household, steward.' ἄνθρωπός τις ἦν πλούσιος ὃς εἶχεν οἰκονόμον ... διασκορπίζων τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ 'there was a rich man who had a manager of his household ... wasting his master's money' [Lk 16.1](#). It may be necessary in some languages to indicate that οἰκονόμος was a person hired to engage in a particular activity, and therefore in [Lk 16.1](#) it may be necessary to say 'there was a rich man who had hired a man to manage his household.'

37.39 οἰκονόμος, ου *m*: one who has the authority and responsibility for something - 'one who is in charge of, one who is responsible for, administrator, manager.' καὶ οἰκονόμους μυστηρίων θεοῦ 'and those who are responsible for the mysteries of God' [1 Cor 4.1](#); ὡς καλοὶ οἰκονόμοι ποικίλης χάριτος θεοῦ 'as good managers of God's varied gifts' [1 Pe 4.10](#).

57.231 οἰκονόμος τῆς πόλεως: (an idiom, literally 'manager of a city') one who is in charge of the finances of a city - 'city treasurer.' ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς Ἐραστός ὁ οἰκονόμος τῆς πόλεως 'Erastus, the city treasurer, sends you his greetings' [Ro 16.23](#).

[LS] οἰκο-νόμος, ὁ, (νέμω) *one who manages a household*, Xen., Plat. 2. generally, *a manager, administrator*, Arist.: οἱ Καίσαρος οἰκ. the Roman *procuratores*, Luc. II. as fem. *a housekeeper, housewife*, Aesch.

[Thayer] οἰκονόμος, οἰκονόμου, ὁ (οἶκος, νέμω ('to dispense, manage'); Hesychius ὁ τὴν οἶκον νεμόμενος), *the manager of a household or of household affairs; especially a steward, manager, superintendent* (whether free-born, or, as was usually the case, a freed-man or 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: [Luke 12:42](#); [1 Cor. 4:2](#); [Gal. 4:2](#); *the manager of a farm or landed estate, an overseer* (A. V. *steward*): [Luke 16:1,3,8](#); ὁ οἰκονόμος τῆς πόλεως, *the superintendent of the city's finances, the treasurer of the city* (Vulgate *arcarius civitatis*): [Rom. 16:23](#) (of the treasurers or quaestors of kings, [Esth. 8:9](#); [1 Esdr. 4:49](#); Josephus, Antiquities 12, 4, 7; 11, 6, 12; 8, 6, 4). Metaphorically, the apostles and other Christian teachers (see οἰκονομία) are called οἰκονόμους μυστηρίων τοῦ Θεοῦ, as those to whom the counsels of God have been committed to be made known to men: [1 Cor. 4:1](#); a bishop (or overseer) is called οἰκονόμος Θεοῦ, of God as the head and master of the Christian theocracy (see οἶκος, 2), [Titus 1:7](#); and any and every Christian who rightly uses the gifts intrusted to him by God for the good of his brethren, belongs to the class called καλοὶ οἰκονόμοι ποικίλης χάριτος Θεοῦ, [1 Pet. 4:10](#). (Aeschylus, Xenophon, Plato, Aristotle, others; for תַּרְבִּיבָה the Septuagint [1 Kings 4:6](#); [16:9](#), etc.)\*

[GING] οἰκονόμος, ου, ὁ (house) *steward, manager*—1. *lit.* [Lk 12:42](#); [16:1, 3, 8](#); [1 Cor 4:2](#); [Gal 4:2](#). ὁ οἰκ. τῆς πόλεως *the city treasurer* [Ro 16:23](#).—2. *fig. administrator* [1 Cor 4:1](#); [Tit 1:7](#); [1 Pt 4:10](#).\* [economics] [pg 137]

**Luke 12:42** And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season?

καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος· τίς ἄρα ἐστὶν ὁ πιστὸς οἰκονόμος ὁ φρόνιμος, ὃν καταστήσει ὁ κύριος ἐπὶ τῆς θεραπείας αὐτοῦ τοῦ διδόναι ἐν καιρῷ [τὸ] σιτομέτριον;

**Luke 16:1** He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.

Ἔλεγεν δὲ καὶ πρὸς τοὺς μαθητάς· ἄνθρωπός τις ἦν πλούσιος ὃς εἶχεν οἰκονόμον, καὶ οὗτος διεβλήθη αὐτῷ ὡς διασκορπίζων τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ.

**Luke 16:3** "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

εἶπεν δὲ ἐν ἑαυτῷ ὁ οἰκονόμος· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι ὁ κύριός μου ἀφαιρεῖται τὴν οἰκονομίαν ἀπ' ἐμοῦ; σκάπτειν οὐκ ἰσχύω, ἐπαιτεῖν αἰσχύνομαι.

**Luke 16:8** "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

καὶ ἐπήνεσεν ὁ κύριος τὸν οἰκονόμον τῆς ἀδικίας ὅτι φρονίμως ἐποίησεν· ὅτι οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου φρονιμώτεροι ὑπὲρ τοὺς υἱοὺς τοῦ φωτός εἰς τὴν γενεάν τὴν ἑαυτῶν εἰσιν.

**Romans 16:23** Gaius, my host and *the host* of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.

ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς Γαῖος ὁ ξένος μου καὶ ὅλης τῆς ἐκκλησίας. ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς Ἑραστός ὁ οἰκονόμος τῆς πόλεως καὶ Κούαρτος ὁ ἀδελφός.

**1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

οὕτως ἡμᾶς λογίζεσθω ἄνθρωπος ὡς ὑπηρέτας Χριστοῦ καὶ οἰκονόμους μυστηρίων θεοῦ.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

ὧδε λοιπὸν ζητεῖται ἐν τοῖς οἰκονόμοις, ἵνα πιστός τις εὑρεθῇ.

**Galatians 4:2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστὶν καὶ οἰκονόμους ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρός.

**Titus 1:7** For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

δεῖ γὰρ τὸν ἐπίσκοπον ἀνέγκλητον εἶναι ὡς θεοῦ οἰκονόμον, μὴ αὐθάδη, μὴ ὀργίλον, μὴ πάροινον, μὴ πλήκτην, μὴ αἰσχροκερδῆ,

**1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

ἕκαστος καθὼς ἔλαβεν χάρισμα εἰς ἑαυτοὺς αὐτὸ διακονοῦντες ὡς καλοὶ οἰκονόμοι ποικίλης χάριτος θεοῦ.