

## 5 Core Principles of Stewardship in Scripture

### 1. God Owns Everything

- *“The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.”* (Psalm 24:1)
- Stewardship begins with the truth that nothing truly belongs to us — all creation, resources, and even our lives are God's. We are caretakers, not owners.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. We Are Responsible Managers

- Humanity was given dominion over creation (Genesis 1:26–28).
- This includes caring for the earth, our time, talents, finances, and relationships.
- Stewardship is holistic — not just about money, but about how we live faithfully with all God has entrusted.

### 3. Accountability to God

- Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30) shows that stewards must give an account of how they used what was entrusted.
- Faithfulness, not ownership, is the measure of a good steward.
- *“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”* (1 Corinthians 4:2).

### 4. Generosity and Blessing

- Stewardship is not hoarding but sharing.
- *“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”* (Luke 6:38).
- God blesses those who give freely, reflecting His own generosity.

### 5. Service and Kingdom Purpose

- Stewardship is ultimately about serving God's mission.
- Our resources are meant to glorify Christ, build up the church, and bless others.
- *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”* (Colossians 3:23).

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<sup>1</sup> This outline is adapted from principles discussed by Pastor Jason Elder. See: ["What Is Stewardship in the Bible?"](#)