

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE ENEMY OF STEWARDSHIP

MATTHEW 25:14-30

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1. Have each person share where they find themselves on the “spectrum of stewardship”.

## THE SPECTRUM OF STEWARDSHIP



2. Which of the four principles of stewardship from Matthew 25:14-30 was most helpful to you and why?
  - Everything we have is a generous gift from God entrusted to us: vs. 14
  - What we are entrusted with is based on what we can manage: vs. 15
  - The aim of stewardship is faithfulness: vs. 16-23
  - Joy results from faithful stewardship: vs. 21, 23
3. Why is having an “owner mentality” so unhealthy compared to a steward?
4. In what ways does the “comparison trap” show up in your own life?
5. Assign each person or couple in the group one of the following topics and Scripture passages. Provide 8-10 minutes and challenge them to come ready to share with the group an answer to this questions: What does faithfulness look like in the category of \_\_\_?
  - Money: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
  - Time: Ephesians 5:15-17; James 4:13-14
  - Parenting: Psalm 127:3-4; Proverbs 22:6
  - Physical bodies: 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - Possessions: Luke 16:1-2
6. How is joy connected to biblical stewardship?
  - See Matthew 25:21,23
7. Provide an opportunity for each member to share one or more of the reflection questions:
  - What are you looking at in your life and saying “mine”?
  - Is there a particular area of your life that needs some attention and help?
  - Have you considered why God gifted you in the way that He has?