

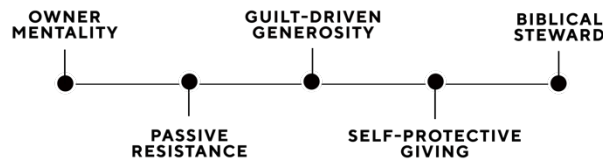
SERMON OUTLINE

THE ENEMY OF STEWARDSHIP

MATTHEW 25:14-30

AUGUST 7, 2022

THE SPECTRUM OF STEWARDSHIP



“We tend to approach parenting with a sense of ownership, that these are our children and their obedience is our right...We begin to need them to be what they should be so that we can feel a sense of achievement and success. We begin to look at our children as our trophies rather than God’s creatures.” – Paul Tripp

FOUR PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

1. Everything we have is a generous gift from God entrusted to us: vs. 14

- “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” – Psalm 24:1 (NIV)
- Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.” – 1 Chronicles 29:12
- “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” – Romans 11:36
- “Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” – CS Lewis

2. What we are entrusted with is based on what we can manage: vs. 15

- “...Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” – Luke 12:48b

3. The aim of stewardship is faithfulness: vs. 16-23

4. Joy results from faithful stewardship: vs. 21, 23

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“Our obsession with material things brings trouble and heartache into our lives. So we tell ourselves that we’ll do better—we commit ourselves for a time to new budgets, we go on temporary diets, we hold garage sales. But none of it lasts for long because deep inside us, we treasure the creation more than we treasure the Creator.” – Paul Tripp

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What are you looking at in your life and saying “mine”?
2. Is there a particular area of your life that needs some attention and help?
3. Have you considered why God gifted you in the way that He has?

Benediction: “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” – Colossians 1:16-18