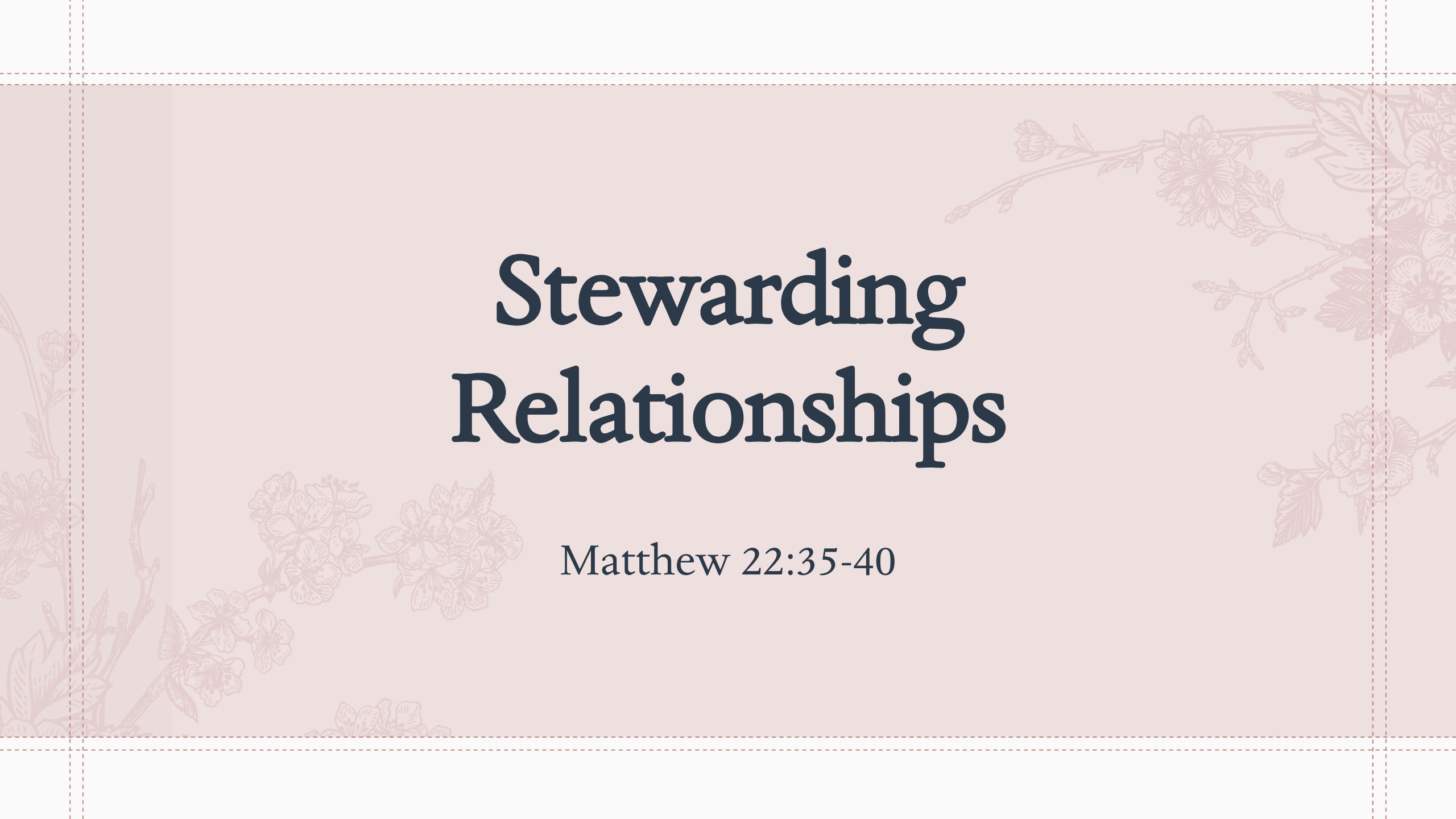




# Stewarding Relationships

Matthew 22:35-40

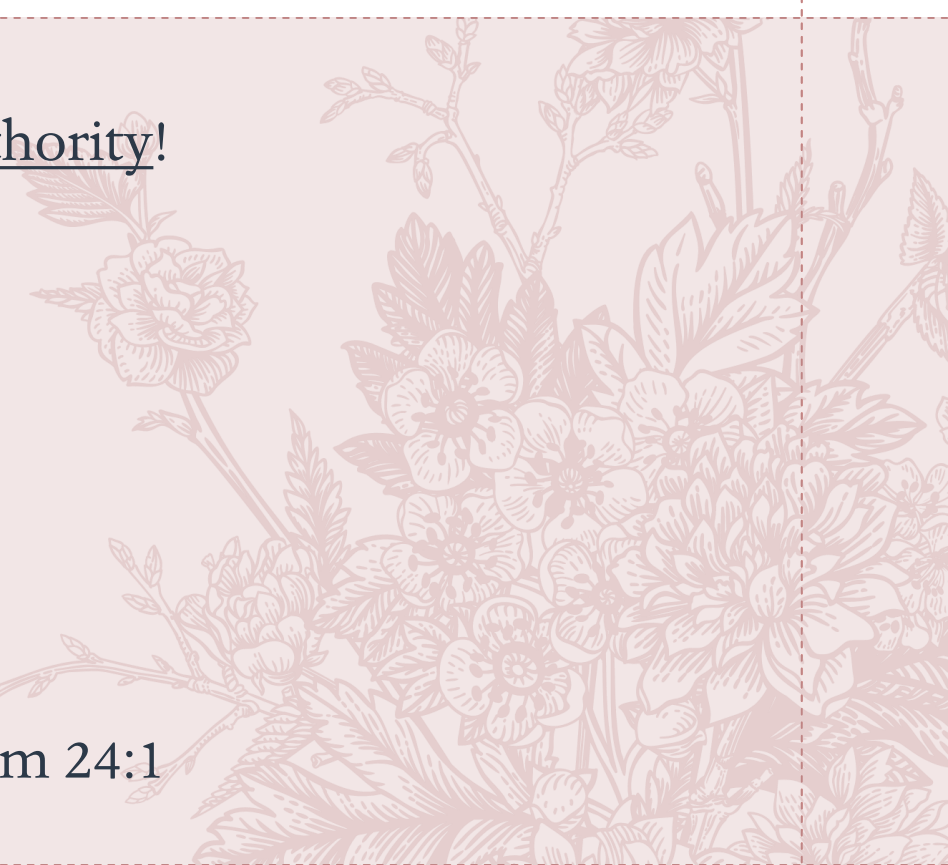
# About Stewardship

Holistic Approach to management under GOD's authority!

- Responsibly managing resources
- Accountability
- Commitment to serving others

Stewardship is.....

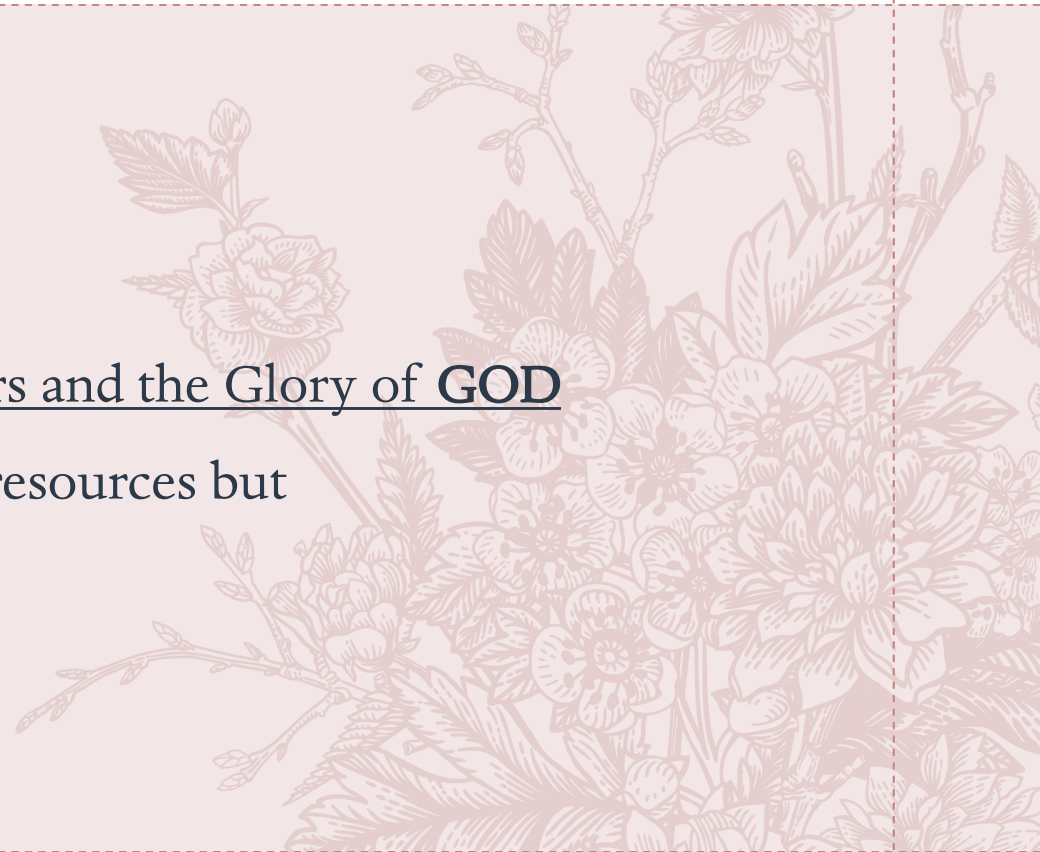
Recognizing **HIM** as the ultimate owner of all. Psalm 24:1



# About Stewardship

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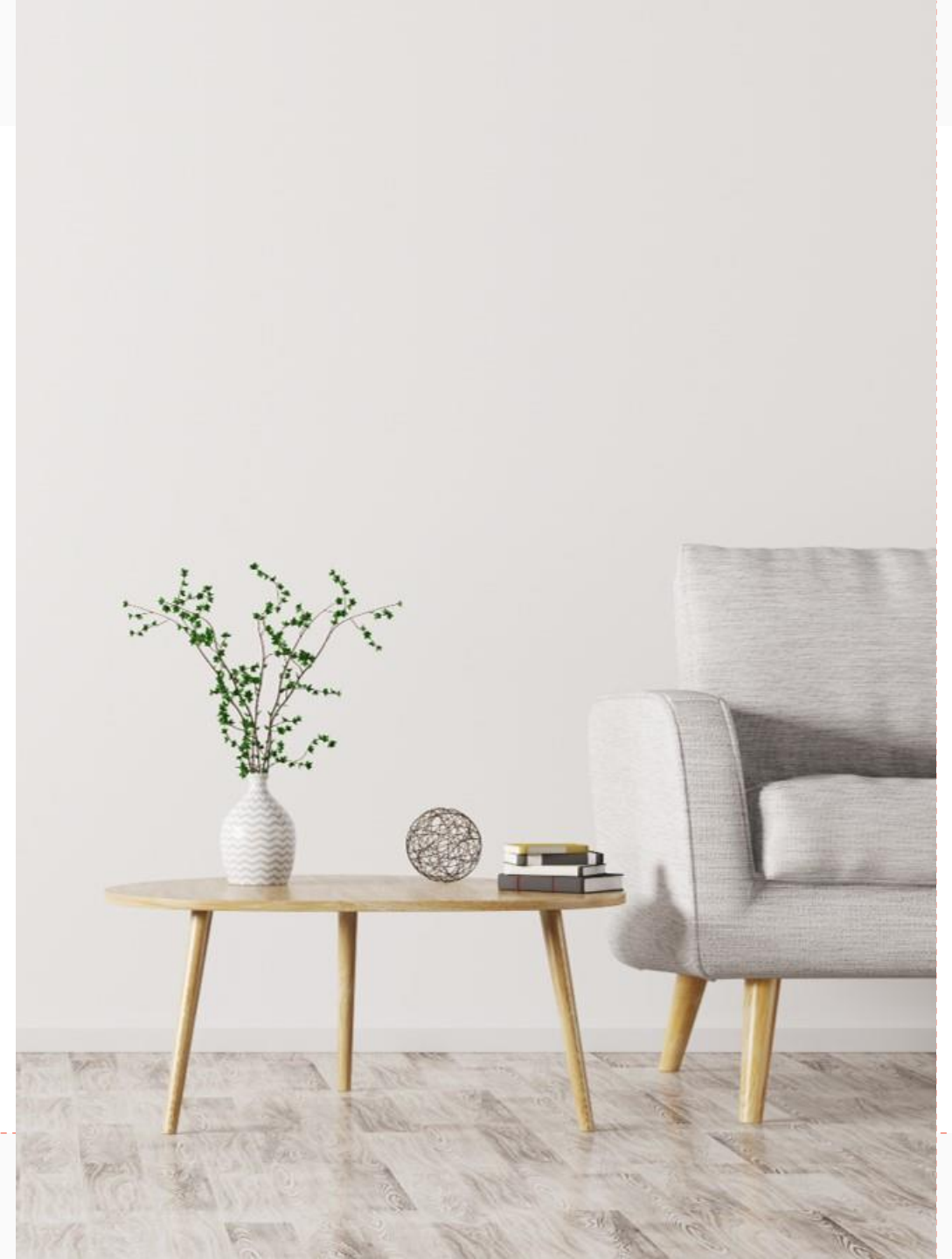
- Involves all resources provided by **GOD**
- Recognizing we are not at all owners
- Recognizing our gifts are for the Benefit of Others and the Glory of **GOD**
- Recognizing stewardship is not about managing resources but
  - Serving Others
  - Being Generous
- Is not a suggestion!



# The Gravity of Stewarding Relationships

Matthew 22:35-40

It all comes down to Loving  
GOD and Loving People!



# The Gravity of Stewarding Relationships

- All of the law, prophets, all that's recording in the Old Testament.....
- All of it is rooted in Love for **GOD** and man!
  - Holistic Devotion
  - Ethical Relationships



# The Gravity of Stewarding Relationships

The Stewardship of Talents / Matthew 25

- Two stewards traded talents. We 'do' love! We 'do' stewardship!
- What is the danger of burying talents?
  - Matthew 25:26-27
  - Wicked and Slothful
  - Dead things disconnected from life don't multiply!
  - Remember, **JESUS** is the Vine!
- Separation of Sheep and Goats
- Matthew 25:34-40

# The Gravity of Stewarding Relationships

Poor Stewardship looks like.....

Judas Iscariot

Selfishness/Coldness

Ease of gossip about another

Ease of disregarding another

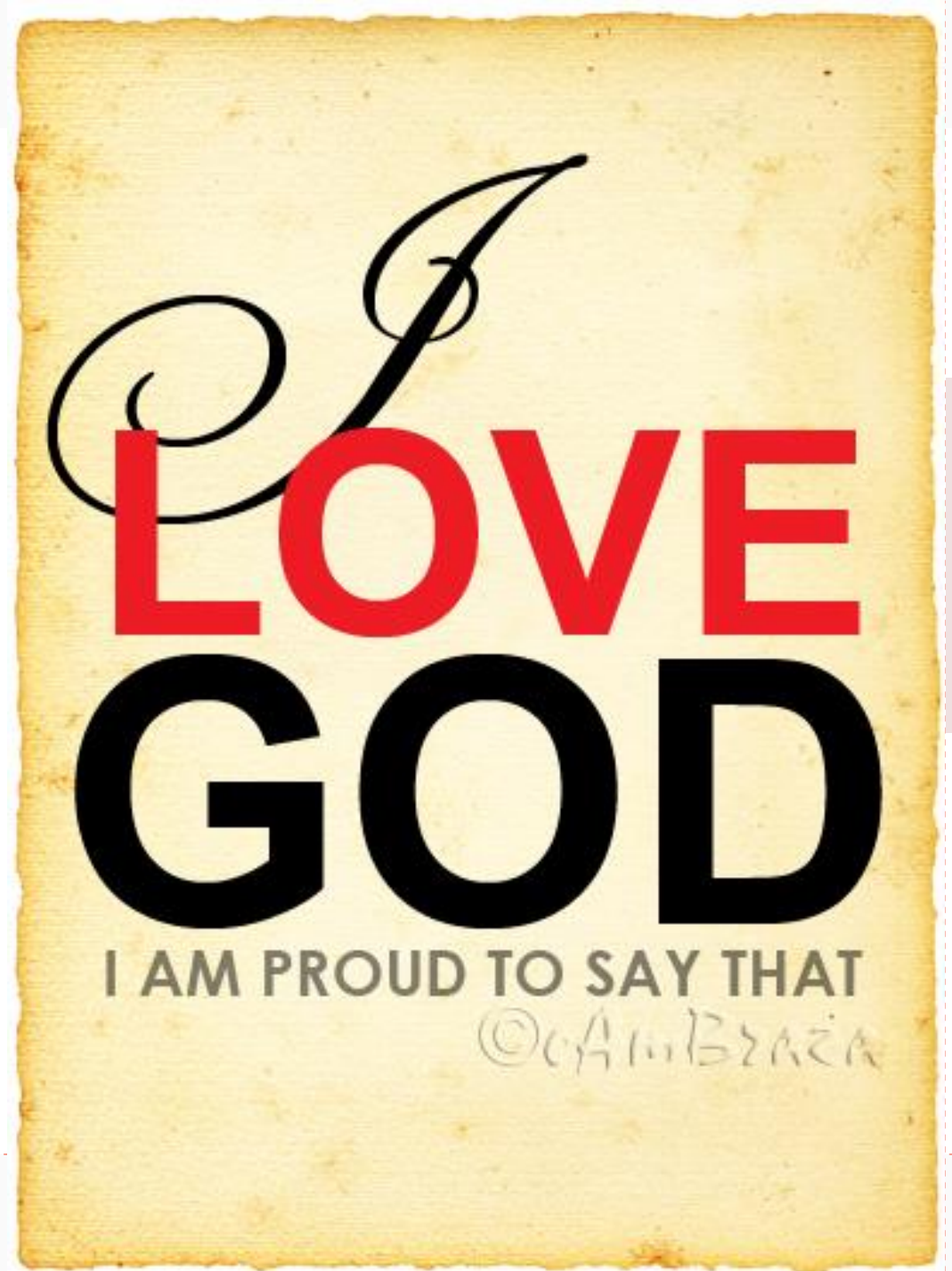
Ease of looking down on and discounting another

- It opposes the nature of **GOD!**
- It assaults the nature of **GOD!**
- It's a denial of all that **JESUS** Is!



# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

Why does it matter? John 15:5



# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Faith

I Peter 1:8-9

“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

## Study These:

- ♦ Proverbs 3:5-6
- ♦ Psalm 27:1-3, 5, 13-14
- ♦ Hebrews 11:1
- ♦ Romans 10:17
- ♦ Ephesians 2:8
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:7

# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Prayer / Worship / Thankfulness

Colossians 3:16

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## Study These:

- ♦ Psalm 95:6
- ♦ Hebrews 3:15
- ♦ Psalm 27:4-6
- ♦ I Thessalonians 5:16-18
- ♦ Philippians 4:6-7
- ♦ Psalm 100:2
- ♦ Jeremiah 29:12
- ♦ John 4:24
- ♦ Colossians 4:2

# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Scripture Study/Reading

James 1:22

<sup>22</sup> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Matthew 4:4

<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

## Study These:

- ♦ Psalm 27:11
- ♦ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ♦ Psalm 119:105
- ♦ Hebrews 4:12
- ♦ Joshua 1:8
- ♦ Psalm 119:11 (Psalm 119:1-176)

# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Community

Hebrews 10:25

<sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Acts 2:42

<sup>42</sup> And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

## Personal Growth/Intimacy with JESUS

Jeremiah 29:13

<sup>13</sup> And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

### Study These:

I John 1:3

Psalms 145:18

Solomon 1:2

Psalms 2:12 Intimacy and Submission

James 4:8

# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Generosity / Giving

Proverbs 3:9

<sup>9</sup> Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

2 Chronicles 31:5

<sup>5</sup> And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

Study These:

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Luke 6:38

## Imitation

Philippians 3:10

<sup>9</sup> And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

<sup>10</sup> That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Study These:

I John 4:7

I John 2:6

Ephesians 4:32

Ephesians 5:12

Romans 8:29

# Stewarding Our Relationship With GOD

## Submission

I Peter 5:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

<sup>7</sup> Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

## Study These:

Romans 12:1

Deuteronomy 5:33

James 4:7

John 14:15

I John 2:5-6

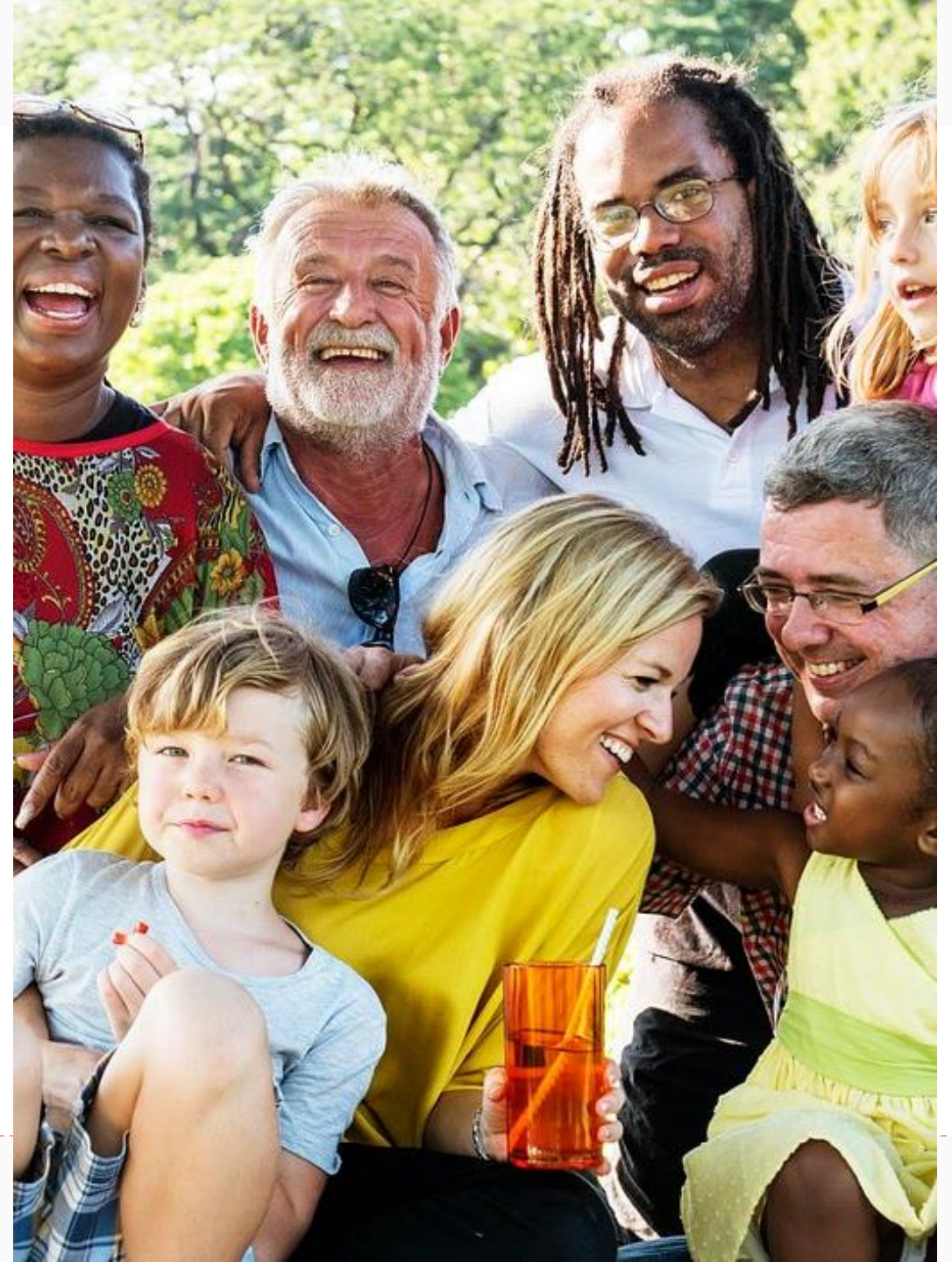
Hebrews 5:6

Hebrews 13:17

# Stewarding Our Relationships With One Another

I Peter 4:10

We are created for relationship  
because we are made in GOD's  
image!



# Stewarding Our Relationships With One Another

This looks like intentionally 'acting' to maintain love and camaraderie.

Acts 2:42 & I John 1:7

- ♦ Having Fellowship

I Corinthians 12:12

- ♦ Valuing others
- ♦ I Peter 4:10 Ministering to others

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- ♦ Reap how you sow

**Colossians 3:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

<sup>14</sup> And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**I Thessalonians 3:12**

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

| More to Study:       |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| John 13:14           | Love one another                 |
| Ephesians 4:32       | Forgive one another              |
| Romans 12:16         | Live at peace with one another   |
| Galatians 6:2        | Bear one another's burdens       |
| Ephesians 4:2        | Be patient with one another      |
| Romans 12:10         | Honor one another above yourself |
| Romans 15:7          | Accept one another               |
| 1 Thessalonians 4:18 | Encourage one another            |
| Romans 15:14         | Teach one another                |
| Galatians 5:13       | Teach one another                |

# Stewarding Our Relationships With One Another

## Some Keys:

- ✓ Be attentive and notice others
- ✓ Invest in others
- ✓ Know yourself
- ✓ Pursue **JESUS** to pursue others
- ✓ Pray about your relationships
- ✓ Be Salt & Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

# Stewarding Relationships: Here's the Conclusion

On these two commandments hang all the law and  
the prophets!!!!

It's real! It's serious! Please don't take this lightly!

Stewardship is not an option!

Love **GOD** and Love People!

