

HOW GOD GRADES ME ON MY FINANCES

Guard Rails: Part One

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3 Stewardship Principles

1. God **OWNS** everything.

“The earth and everything it contains are the LORD’s. The world and all who live in it are his.” (Psalm 24:1, GW)

2. God **CONTROLS** everything.

“Riches and honor are in front of you. You rule everything. You hold power and strength in your hands, and you can make anyone great and strong.” (1 Chronicles 29:12, GW)

3. God **PROVIDES** everything.

“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19, NLT)

As a manager of God’s resources, I am responsible for...

1. How I **VIEW** money.

“You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will love one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Matthew 6:24, CEV)

2. How I **EARN** money.

“Remember that the LORD your God gives you the strength to make a living.” (Deuteronomy 8:18a, CEV)

3. How I **SPEND** money.

“Jesus told this story to his disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer’s money. So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired...And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?’” (Luke 16:1-2, 11 NLT)

4. How I **SAVE** money.

“There is another serious problem I have seen everywhere—savings are put into risky investments that turn sour, and soon there is nothing left to pass on...” (Ecclesiastes 5:13–14, The Living Bible)

5. How I GIVE money.

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:20–21, NIV)

ACTION STEP

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