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GOD OWNS IT ALL

- Deuteronomy 10:14¹⁴ Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.
- Psalm 89:11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours, The world and all its fullness, You (God) have founded them.
- •Psalm 24:1 The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.



NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS

 steward had full charge of his master's affairs and could use them to his own advantage if he chose, and he was fully accountable to his master and had to render an account when called upon



NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

 application of this term is largely confined to the ministry of the gospel", meaning stewards were called to "take scrupulous care of that which was entrusted to them, and give it out to others faithfully and as directed by their master Jesus Christ



STEWARDSHIP

- resources (time and finances, including possessions)
- ministry (VCC, in my community, the workplace)
- people (family, neighbors, co-workers, people I do not know)



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

⁶ But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

PRINCIPLE IN STEWARDSHIP

•we reap what we sow...



ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

- Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you. Genesis 22:2
- ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir (referring to Ishmael), but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be. Genesis 15:4-5

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

 I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me. Genesis 22:16-18



PRINCIPLE IN STEWARDSHIP

sacrifice ushers in God's abundant blessing...



MARK 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."



STEWARDSHIP

- •Where is God asking you to sow and sacrifice?
- Where is He asking you to sow with your time and finances?
- •Where is He asking you to make a sacrifice?

