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I Have Called You Steward

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#1. God owns everything and I own nothing.

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#2. God entrusts me with everything I have.

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#3. I can either increase or decrease what God has given me. He wants me to increase it.

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#4. God can call me into account at any time.

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“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ
and stewards of the mysteries of God.”

(1 Corinthians 4:1, NKJV)

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A "steward" is someone who manages something that does not belong to him.

“11 The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.” (Psalm 89:11, NIV)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the
world, and all who live in it;
(Psalm 24:1, NIV)

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“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

(1 Corinthians 10:26, NIV)

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“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

(Revelation 4:11, NIV)

If God owns everything, you and I own nothing.

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God claims complete ownership of all of his creation, so there are no other owners.

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“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:”

(Psalm 8:3-6, NIV)

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Kingdom Stewardship is protecting and expanding the assets of another. You protect it and you expand it.

The Bible is a living book about relationship.

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20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

(John 17:20-23, NIV)

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There is no unity without distinct identities.

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Boundaries help us to be the best we can be – in
God's image.

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Family Stewardship

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Financial stewardship passes
what you own.

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Family stewardship passes
who you are.

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10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. 12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

(Malachi 3: 10-12, NIV)

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16 Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

17 “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty,
“they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them,
just as a father has compassion and spares his son who
serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction
between the righteous and the wicked, between those
who serve God and those who do not.

(Malachi 3:16-18, NIV)

Stewardship of the Mind

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4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The
Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And
the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

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8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

(Philippians 4:4-8, NIV)

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The way you steward your mind impacts
the way you steward everything.

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“Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

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“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

Each of us are responsible for
stewarding the treasures that God has
given us and using them for his
Kingdom purposes.

When we refuse, we are bad stewards
because God has given us a
management responsibility not an
ownership responsibility.

The moment we make it for ourselves
alone and building our own Kingdom,
we have now changed from managers to
owners. And if you want to be an owner,
you must create your own

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“How responsible were you with what I entrusted you to handle for me?”

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