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**Am I responsible for truth ?**

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## John 14:6 New King James Version

6 Jesus said to him, “**I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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**Truth has a name**

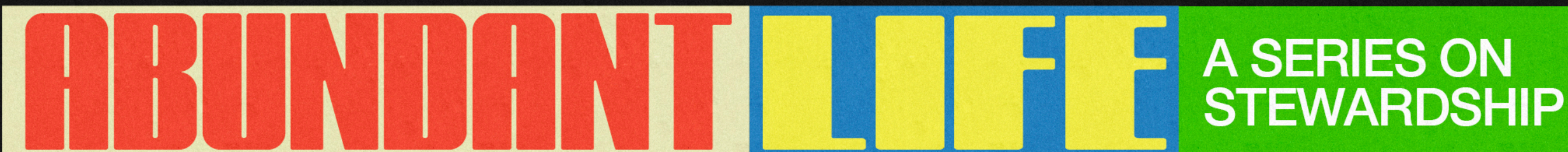
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## John 1:1-5 New King James Version

### The Eternal Word

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.



## John 1:12-14 New King James Version

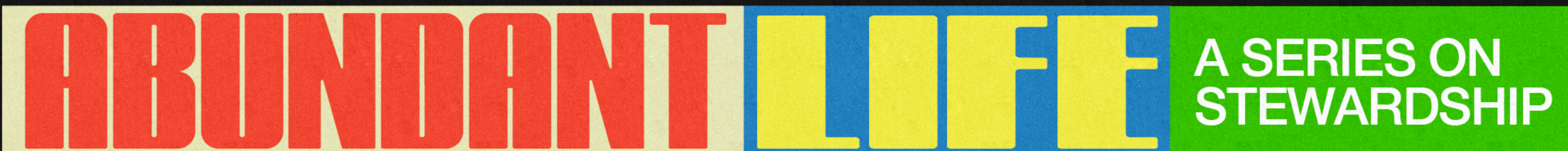
**12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**



## **John 8:44 New King James Version**

**44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

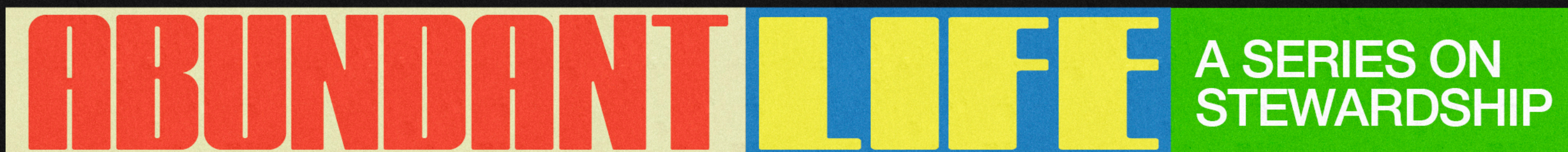


# Know the Truth

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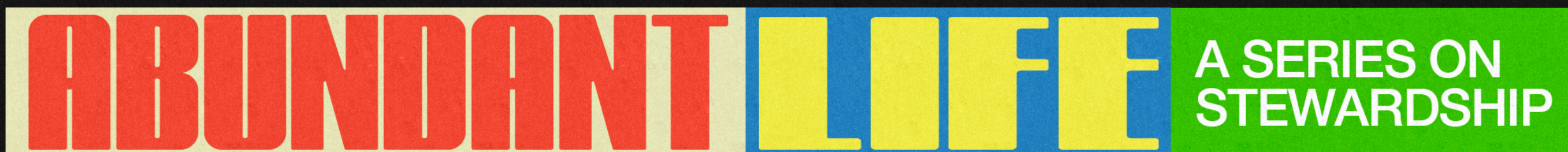
## John 3:16 New King James Version

**16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**



## John 6:63 New King James Version

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.



**John 8:32 New King James Version**

**32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

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**John 8:36 New King James Version**

**36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

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# Understand the Truth

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## **Luke 19 New King James Version**

### **Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House**

**19 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.**

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## Luke 19 New King James Version

4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”



## Luke 19 New King James Version

**8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”**

**9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**



## Luke 19 New King James Version

**11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’**



## Luke 19 New King James Version

**15** “And so it was that **when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.** **16** Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ **17** And he said to him, ‘**Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.**’ **18** And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ **19** Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’

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20 “Then another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 **For I feared you, because you are an austere man.** You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ 22 And he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 **Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’**”

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24 “And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.’ 25 (But they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas.’) 26 ‘For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.’ ”**

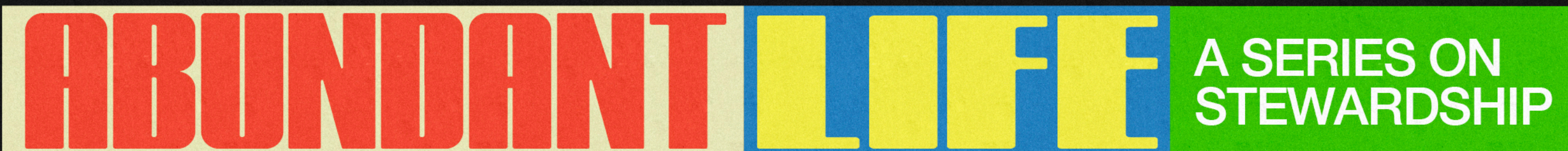
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## 2 Timothy 2:11-13 New King James Version

**11 This is a faithful saying:  
For if we died with Him,  
We shall also live with Him.**

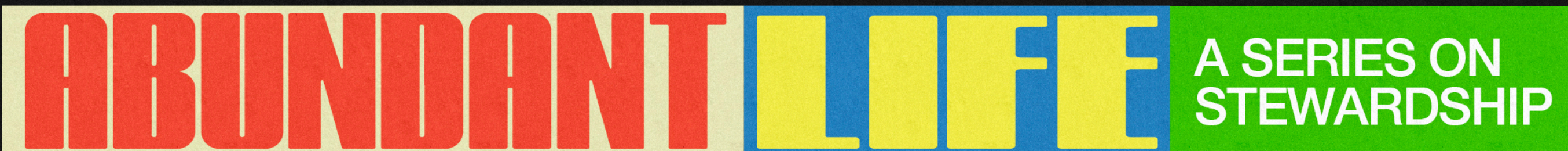
**12  
If we endure,  
We shall also reign with Him.**



## Revelation 20:4 New King James Version

### The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.



## **1 Corinthians 6:2-3 New King James Version**

**2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?**

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## Psalm 8 English Standard Version

**8 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

**3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

**4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

**5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings[b] and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**

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# Tell the Truth

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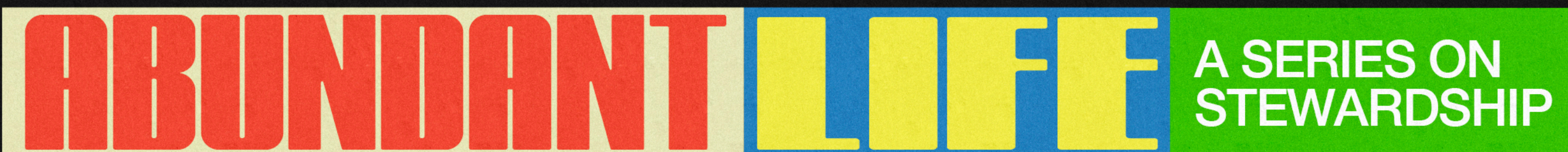
**17 the Spirit of truth,** whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

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## John 15:26 New King James Version

### The Coming Rejection

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.



## Mark 13:11 New King James Version

11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, **but the Holy Spirit.**

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## John 16:13 New King James Version

13 However, when He, **the Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

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## Acts 1:8 New King James Version

8 But you shall receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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Can you see similarity in meaning of the Hebrew word “shamar” translated “keep” and the Greek word “ouros” translated “keeper”? The “keep” commission of Gen 2:15 and that of Titus 2:5 are about protecting, watching, guarding.

From what danger do you suppose Adam was supposed to “keep” the garden? (Remember, he was given this assignment before the fall: before thorns, weeds, thistles, decay.) Is this “keep” directed to Adam a mere calling to domestic servitude as a gardener? The Titus 2 admonition to be “keepers at home” is no more a reference to domestic servitude than was God’s “KEEP” commission to Adam.

Fulfilling God’s commission to “keep” is a way in which male and female reflect the image of God who is referred to in scripture by a Greek word which means the “keeper above all”.

1 Peter 1:5 in several versions:

