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Part 3 of The Heart of the Matter

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God calls us to be faithful stewards of everything He has placed in our hands. Stewardship begins with recognizing that God owns it all, continues with living accountable to Him, and reveals where our ultimate allegiance lies.

1. **Authority** *(Luke 16:1; Psalm 24:1; Psalm 50:10–12; Haggai 2:8; 1 Chronicles 29:14; Deuteronomy 8:17–18; Acts 17:24–25; 1 Timothy 6:7)*
    - Stewardship starts with understanding who is really in charge. Everything we have, including our money, possessions, abilities, opportunities, and even our lives, belongs to God. We are not owners who can do whatever we want with what we have. We are managers entrusted with what belongs to Him.

    Discuss:
    - *Where are you most tempted to take credit for what God has provided?*
    - *How might recognizing God's ownership change the way you use your time, money, abilities, and possessions?*

2. **Accountability** *(Luke 16:2–7; Mark 12:41–44; Romans 14:12)*
    - Our accountability is not measured by how much we have compared to someone else. It is measured by our faithfulness with what God has placed in our hands. We cannot control what others do with their resources, but we are responsible for how we steward our own.

    Discuss:
    - *How does the story of the widow challenge the way we think about generosity and sacrifice?*
    - *If God examined how you are managing what He has entrusted to you, what area might need greater attention?*

3. **Awards** *(Luke 16:8–12; Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12; 1 Corinthians 3:12–13; Matthew 25:28–29; Luke 19:16–17; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 6:19–21)*
    - God values faithfulness, even in the things that seem small or insignificant. Jesus teaches that how we handle earthly resources reveals whether we can be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Discuss:

- Why does faithfulness in small things matter to God?
- What is one practical way you can use what God has entrusted to you for His purposes this week?

4. **Allegiance** *(Luke 16:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20)*
    - Stewardship ultimately reveals who or what has our devotion. Jesus makes it clear that we cannot serve two masters. Money itself is not the problem, but when it begins to control our decisions, define our security, or determine our priorities, it can take a place in our hearts that belongs to God alone.

Discuss:

- *What are some signs that money or possessions may be competing with God for your allegiance?*
- *What is one area of your life that you need to surrender more fully to God as an act of faithful stewardship?*