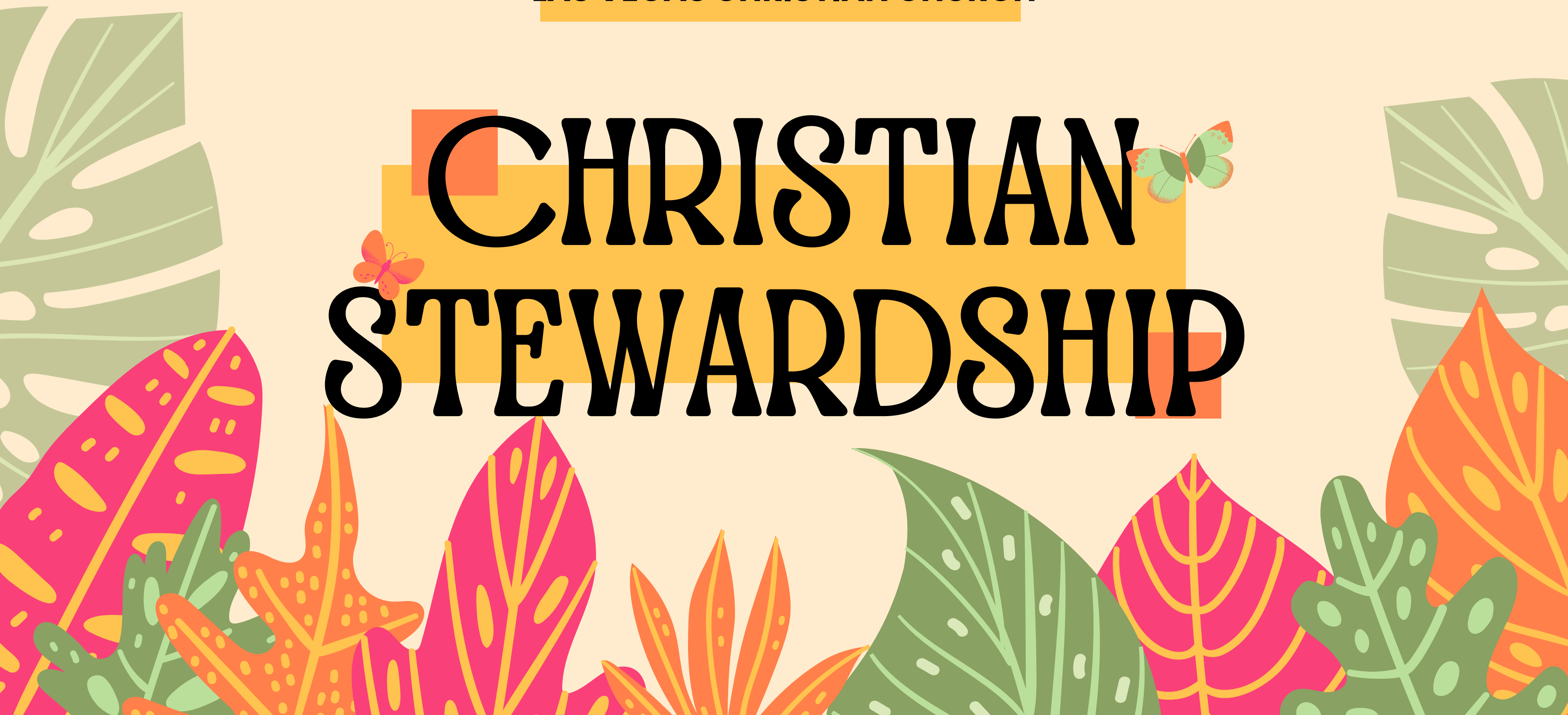


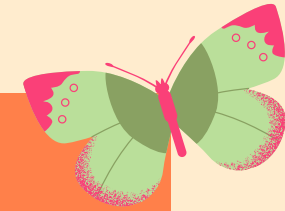
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**CHRISTIAN
STEWARDSHIP**



1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



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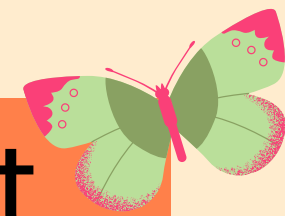


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Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

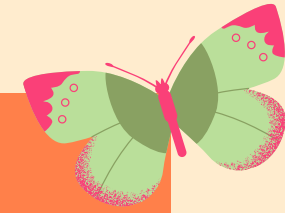
Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



1 PETER 4:10



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



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An individual who has been delegated authority by an owner to oversee possessions, property & household affairs



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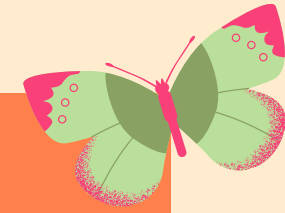
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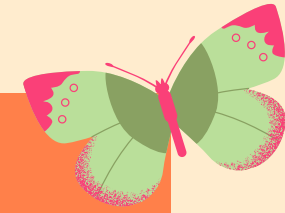
The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.



PSALM 50:10-12



For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness."



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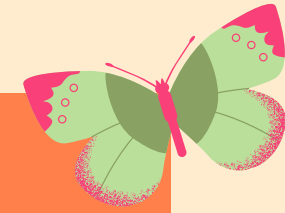
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JAMES 1:17-18



Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.



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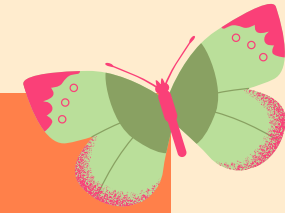
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So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.



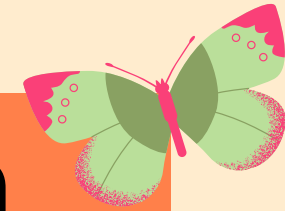
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But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



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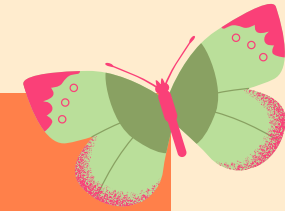
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For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?



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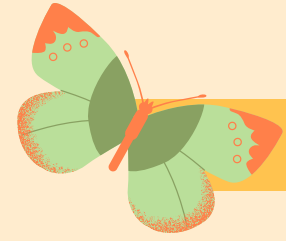
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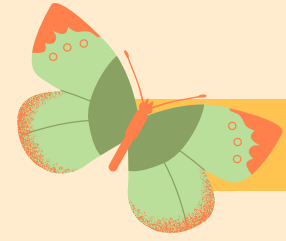
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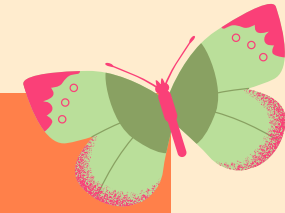
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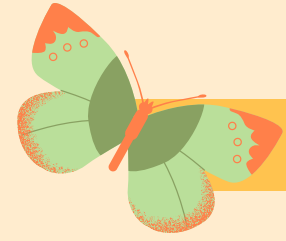
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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.



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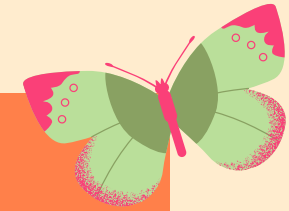
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PSALM 90:10-12



Seventy years are given to us! Some may even reach eighty. But even the best of these years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we are gone. Who can comprehend the power of your anger? Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve. Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.



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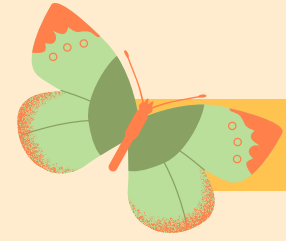
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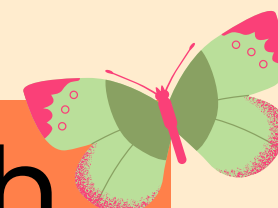
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MATTHEW 6:19-21



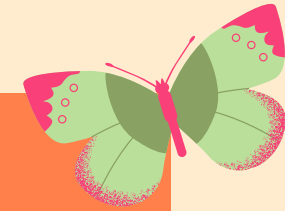
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COLOSSIANS 3:1-4



If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.



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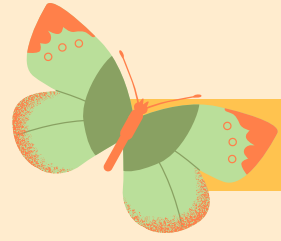


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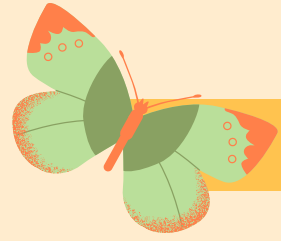
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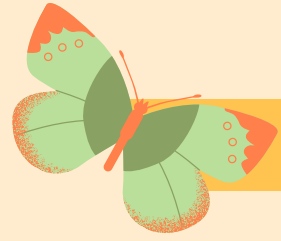
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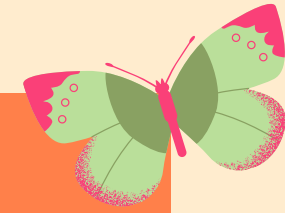
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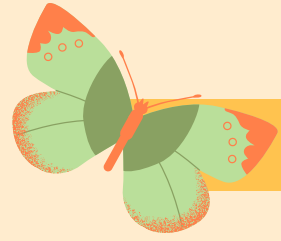


LEVITICUS 27:30



And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord.





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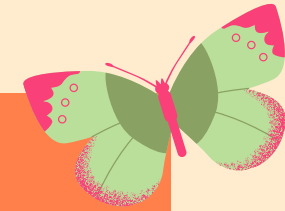
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Tithing was to serve as a reminder that all we have comes from & belongs to the Lord & we are responsible to Him for our use of it.
(Deut 8:11, 17-18)



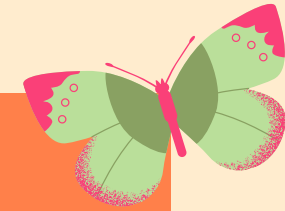
DEUTERONOMY 8:11-18

Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest - when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are



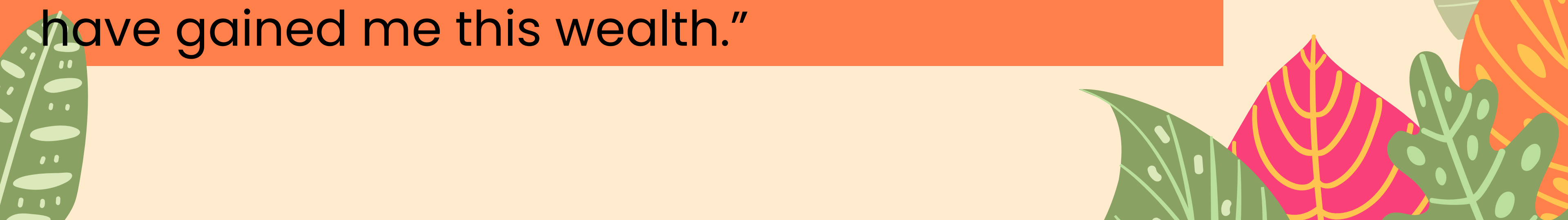
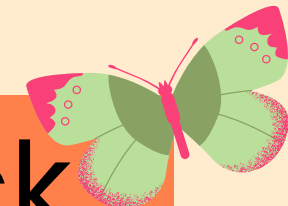
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multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water;

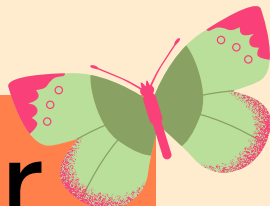


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who brought water for you out of the flinty rock,
who fed you in the wilderness with manna,
which your fathers did not know, that He might
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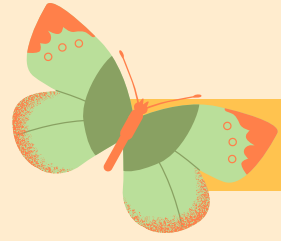


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And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is to this day. 



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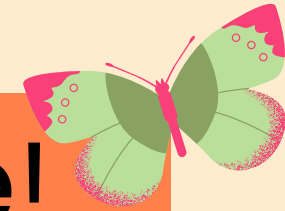
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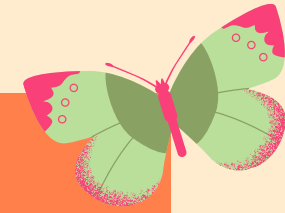
“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of



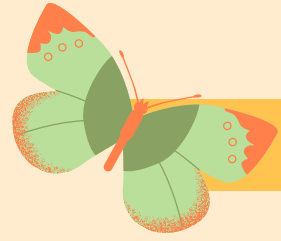
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hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the Lord of hosts.



GOD'S 2 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO TITHE:



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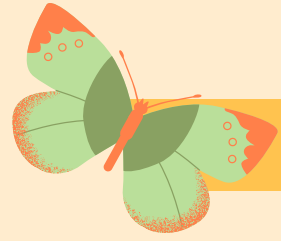
He would open the windows of Heaven and **provide supernatural provision** for them.

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He would **rebuke the devourer** or those unexpected things that tend to eat away at our finances.



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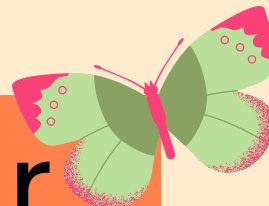
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Tithing was only the beginning of giving to God
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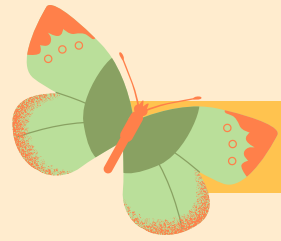
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DEUTERONOMY 12:5-6

But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offering, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. 





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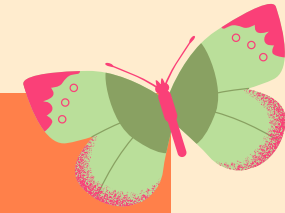
Tithing was confirmed by Jesus in His teaching and practice
(Mt 23:23; Luke 11:42; 18:12; Heb 7:1-21)



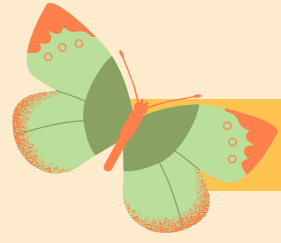
LUKE 11:42



But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.



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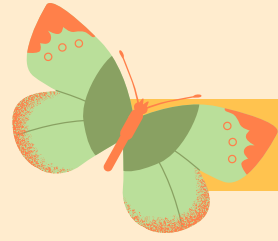


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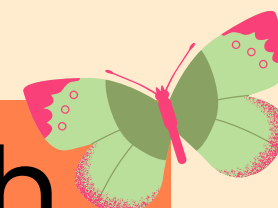
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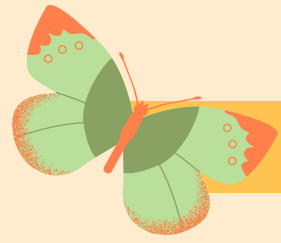
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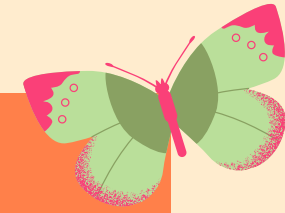
Jesus taught by example that God is both concerned about how we give and what we give (Mark 12:41-44)



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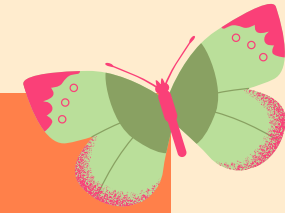
Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them,



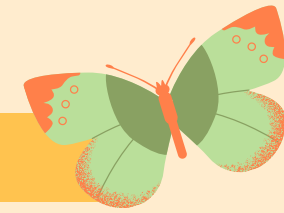
MARK 12:41-44



“Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”



GROUP ACTIVITY



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GROUP ACTIVITY STEPS...

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4. FILL OUT THE DEVOTION OUTLINE

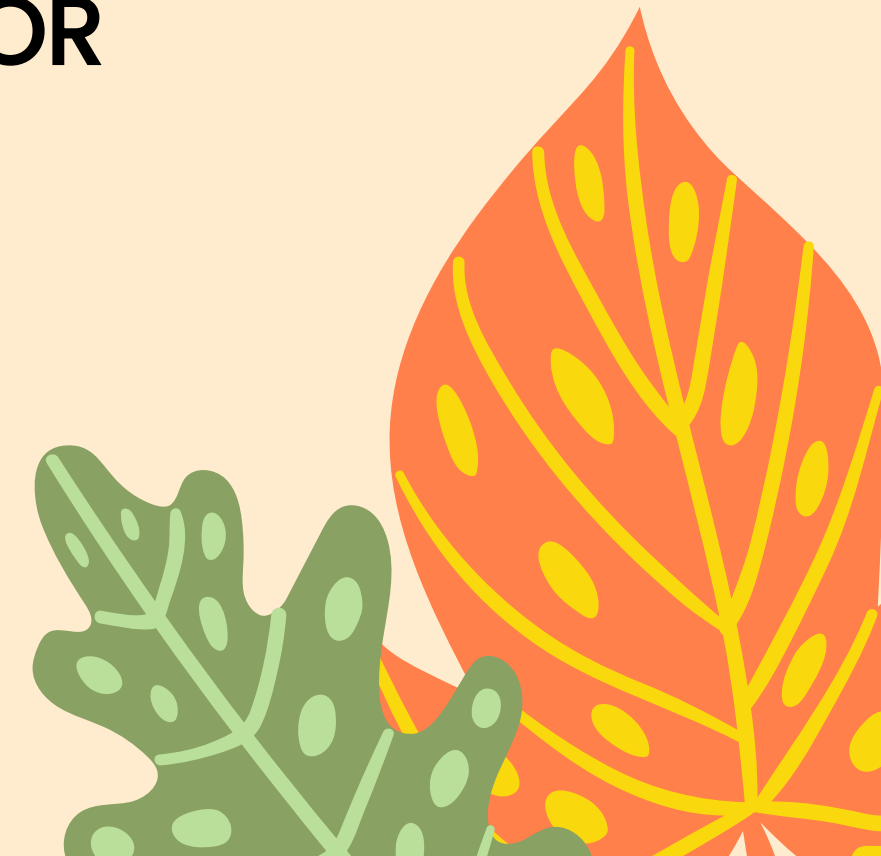
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GEAR YOUR DEVOTION TO YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC!**



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- A.** IF WE DO NOT USE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US, WE WILL LOSE IT
- B.** GOD EXPECTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING INCREASE TO HIS KINGDOM
- C.** GOD EXPECTS US TO USE GREAT WISDOM AS WE USE OUR TALENTS
- D.** WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BECOME ALL THAT GOD HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BECOME IN CHRIST
- E.** EVEN THOUGH GOD DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE GIVING DIRECT OVERSIGHT TO WHAT WE ARE DOING, THERE WILL BE A DAY OF RECKONING OR ACCOUNTABILITY
- F.** THE INDUSTRIOUS WILL BE REWARDED BY THE LORD
- G.** THE WICKED & SLOTHFUL WILL BE JUDGED BY THE LORD
- H.** FAITHFULNESS OVER NATURAL, MATERIAL THINGS WILL QUALIFY US FOR TRUE SPIRITUAL RICHES



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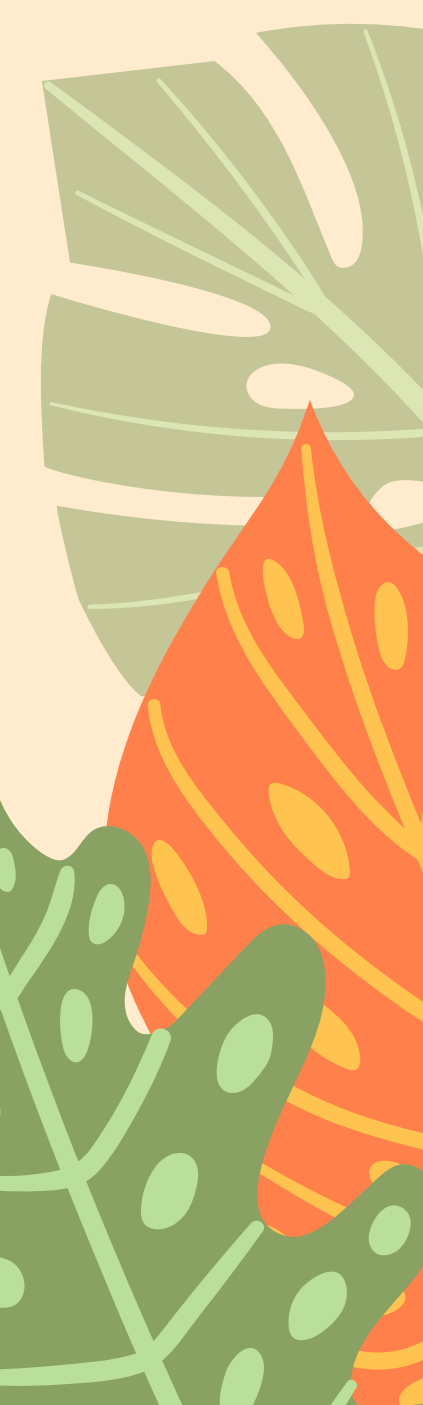
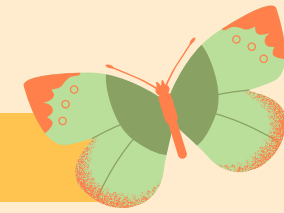
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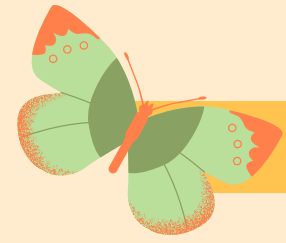


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GROUP ACTIVITY





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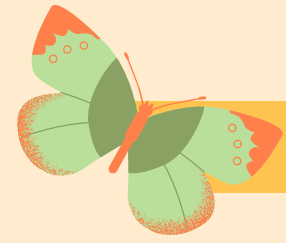
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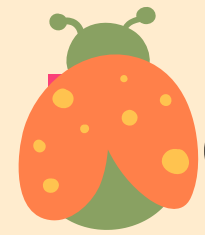
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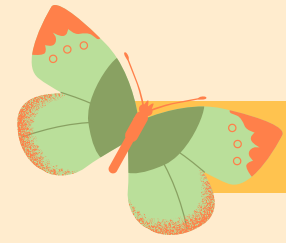


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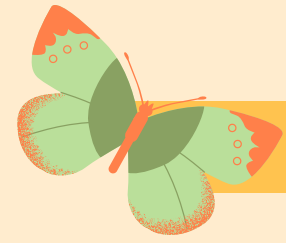
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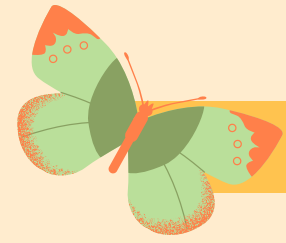
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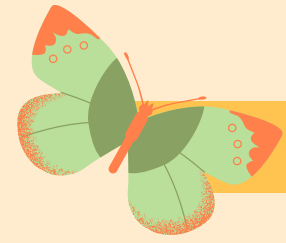
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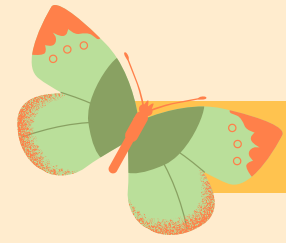
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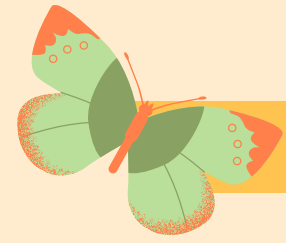
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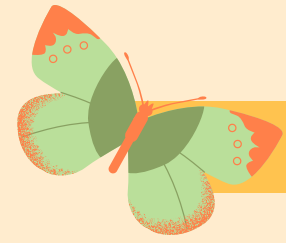
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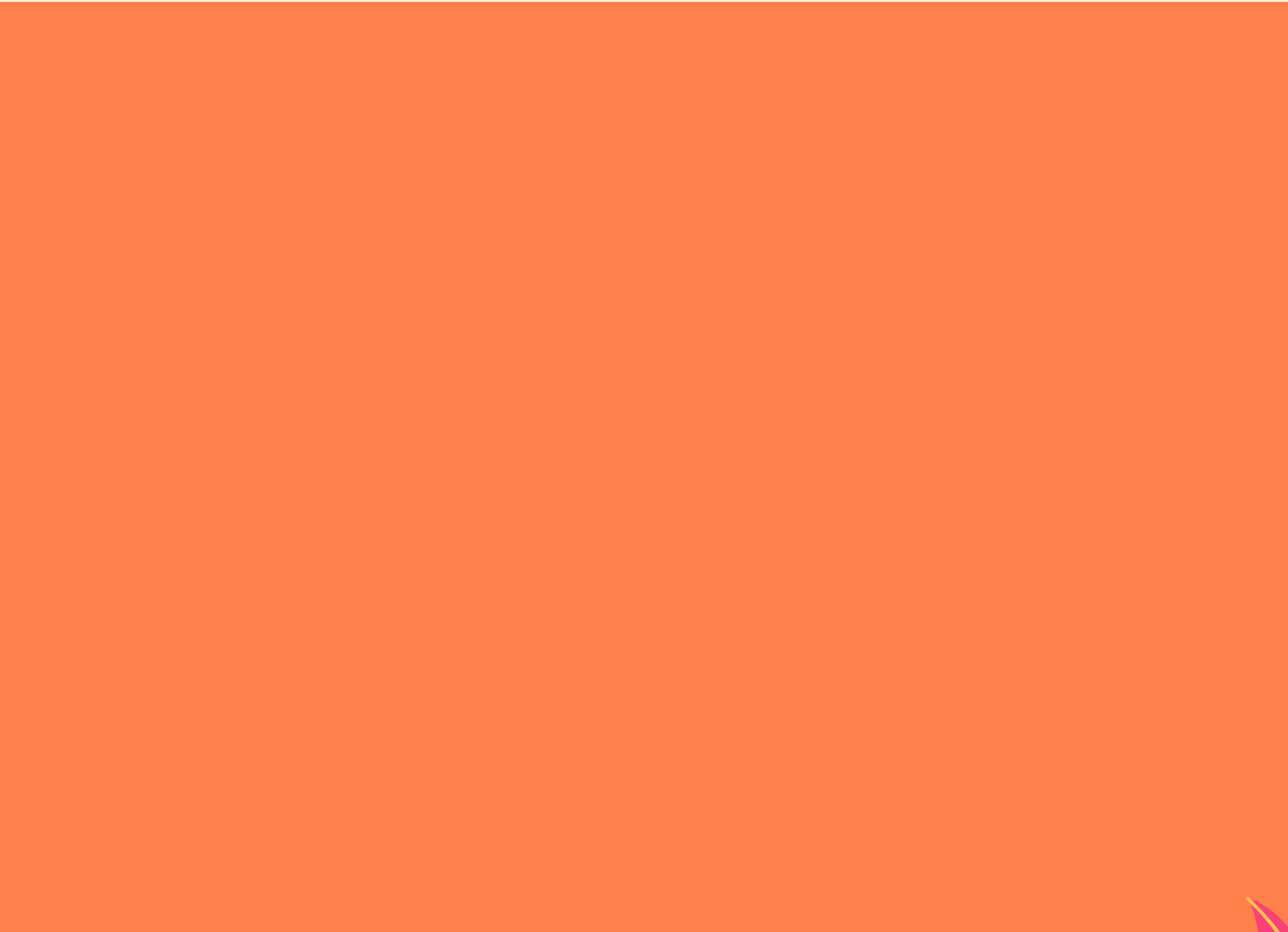
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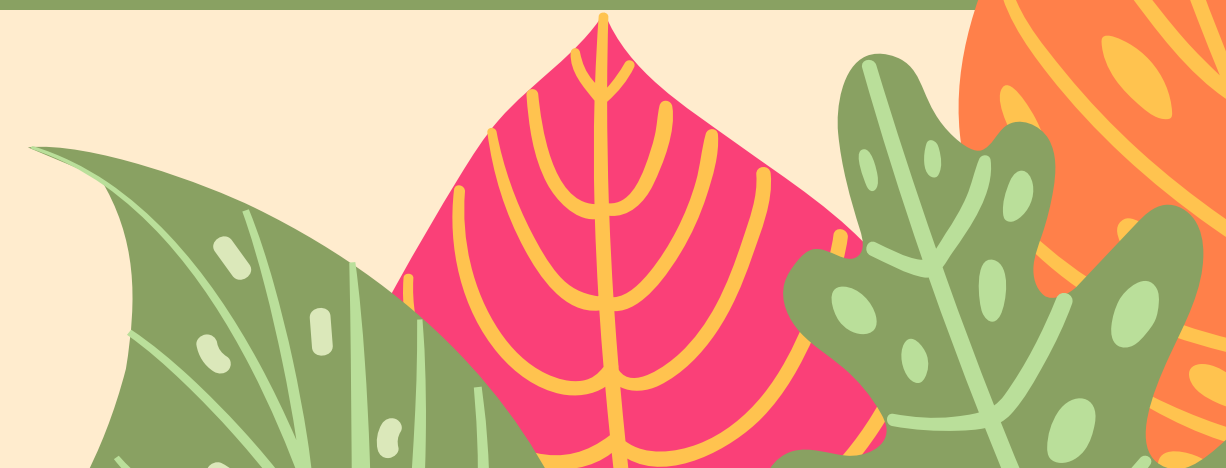


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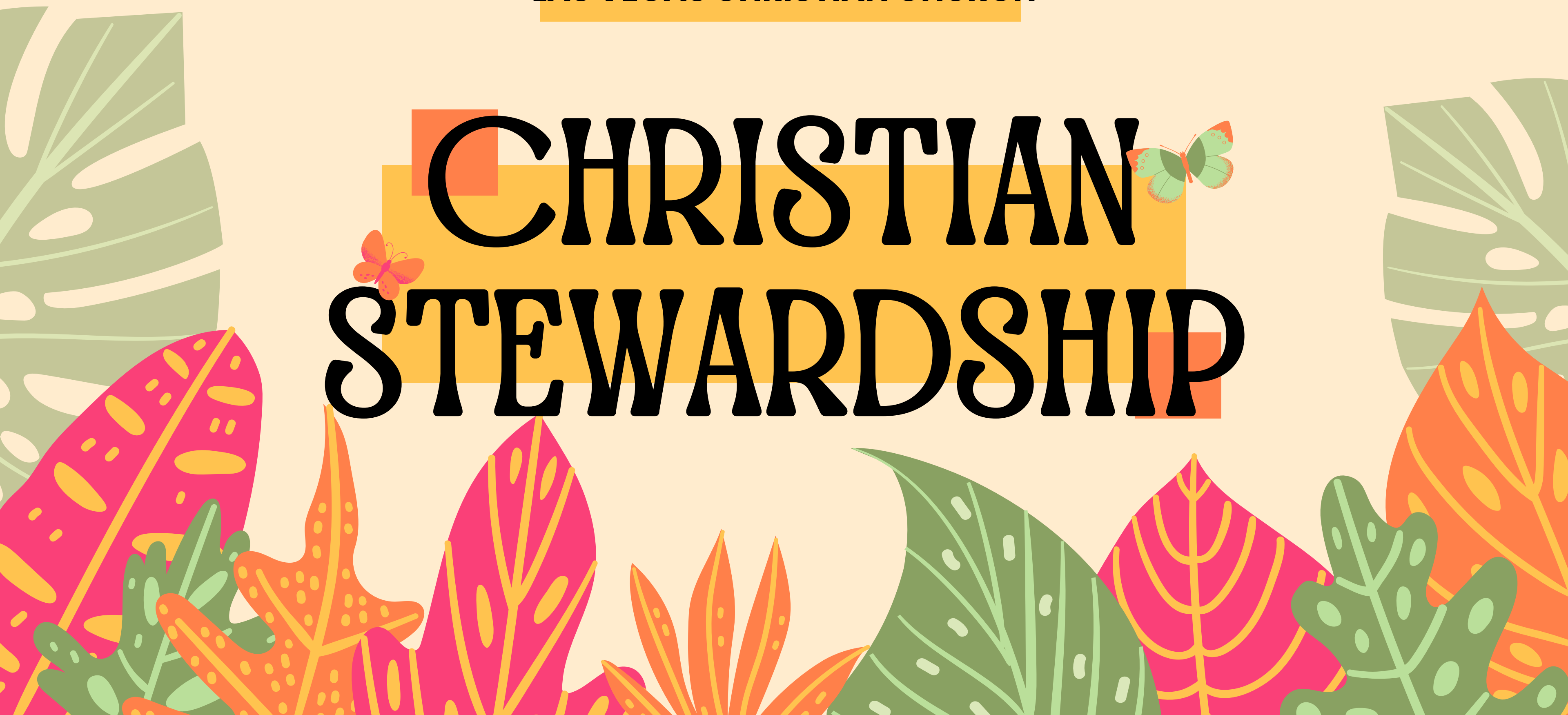
Stewardship is the practice of systematic & proportionate giving of time, abilities & material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in His service for the benefit of His kingdom. It is a divine/human partnership, with God as the senior partner.

It is a way of living; the recognition of God's ownership of one's person, powers & possessions & the faithful use of these for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in this world.



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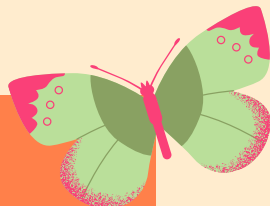
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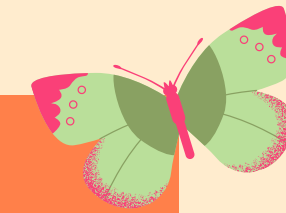
But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



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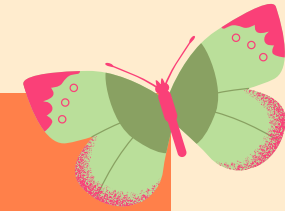
And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance of every good work.



LUKE 16:10-13



Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property,



LUKE 16:10-13



who will give you property of your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

