



CREW LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 5

KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP

Everything Belongs to God



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Introduction



As we've journeyed through CREW LIFE Foundations, we've discovered that following Jesus Christ is about far more than attending church or simply gaining biblical knowledge. God is continually shaping us into faithful disciples who live every area of life for His glory.

In Lesson 1, we discovered why Jesus established His Church and our place within the Body of Christ. In Lesson 2, we learned how we enter God's Kingdom through the New Birth. In Lesson 3, we discovered that spiritual growth is a lifelong process as God transforms us through His Word, His Spirit, and His Church. In Lesson 4, we learned that God has given us His Word, His Spirit, and spiritual leadership to guide us as we faithfully follow Him.

Now we arrive at another important question:

If everything I am belongs to God...what about everything I have?

Throughout Scripture, God consistently places resources into the hands of His people and calls them to faithfully steward what belongs to Him. When God asked Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" He wasn't focused on what Moses lacked. He was drawing Moses's attention to what had already been entrusted to him. That same principle continues throughout the Christian life.

As we mature in our walk with Jesus Christ, we begin to realize that discipleship is not simply about what we believe—it is about how we live. Our time, talents, relationships, opportunities, spiritual gifts, and finances all come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Everything we have belongs to Him, and He calls us to faithfully manage it for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

One of the greatest misunderstandings about stewardship is believing that it is primarily about money. While our finances are certainly part of biblical stewardship, they represent only one area of a much greater truth. Stewardship is recognizing God's ownership over every area of our lives and faithfully managing everything He has entrusted to us.

Today, we'll discover three foundational truths about Kingdom Stewardship:

- * Everything Belongs to God — Understanding God's ownership.
- * Faithful Stewards of God's Resources — Managing what God has entrusted to us.
- * Kingdom Investment — Using our resources to advance God's Kingdom.

When we understand these truths, stewardship becomes more than an obligation. It becomes an act of worship, an expression of trust, and a joyful opportunity to partner with God in accomplishing His purpose.

Lesson Objective

To understand that God is the owner of all things and learn how faithful stewardship of our time, talents, treasures, relationships, and opportunities becomes an act of worship and advances His Kingdom.

Big Idea

Everything belongs to God, and faithful stewardship is worshipfully managing every resource He has entrusted to us for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Focus Scriptures

- * Psalm 24:1
- * 1 Corinthians 4:2
- * Matthew 25:14–30
- * Malachi 3:10
- * 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
- * Luke 16:10

Lesson 5 Kingdom Stewardship - Everything Belongs to God

I. Everything Belongs to God

One of the first truths we discover in Scripture is that God is the OWNER OF ALL THINGS.

Psalm 24:1 — “The earth is the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

Everything belongs to God. The earth belongs to Him. The heavens belong to Him. Every resource belongs to Him. Even our lives belong to Him.

Nothing we possess exists apart from His provision.

Because God is the Creator of all things, He alone has rightful ownership over everything He has made. Every blessing we enjoy, every opportunity we receive, every ability we possess, and every resource entrusted to us ultimately comes from His hand.

This truth changes the way we view stewardship.

Many people think of themselves as OWNERS who occasionally give something back to God. The Bible teaches something very different. We are not owners—we are stewards. A steward is someone who faithfully MANAGES what belongs to another.

Everything we have has been entrusted to us for a season.

Our time. Our talents. Our families. Our relationships. Our influence. Our possessions. Our finances.

They are all gifts from God, placed into our hands to faithfully manage for His glory.

James 1:17 — “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights...”

Every good thing in our lives is evidence of God’s goodness and faithfulness. Because EVERYTHING comes from Him, EVERYTHING should ultimately be used for Him.

Understanding God’s ownership transforms the way we think about every area of life. Stewardship is not simply about what we give to God. Stewardship begins by recognizing that everything already belongs to Him.

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we do not ask, “What belongs to God?” We ask, “What has God entrusted to my care?”

That simple question changes everything. It changes how we view our homes. Our careers. Our families. Our gifts. Our finances. Our future.

When we recognize God as the Owner, we begin living as faithful stewards rather than possessive owners.

At Angler Church, we believe this simple truth: Everything belongs to God, and faithful stewardship begins by recognizing His ownership over every area of our lives.

CREW DISCUSSION

1. How does recognizing that everything belongs to God change the way you view your time, talents, and possessions?
2. Why do you think understanding God’s ownership is essential before learning about tithing, offerings, and generosity?

II. Faithful Stewards of God’s Resources

Understanding that God owns everything naturally leads us to another important question: If God owns everything, what is my responsibility? The Bible answers that question with one word: faithfulness.

[1 Corinthians 4:2](#) — “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

God has never asked His people to own His blessings. He asks them to faithfully steward them.

Throughout Scripture, God entrusts His people with resources, opportunities, and responsibilities. While He does not entrust everyone with the same gifts or abilities, He does expect every believer to faithfully manage what has been placed into their hands.

Jesus illustrated this truth in the Parable of the Talents.

[Matthew 25:14–30](#) — tells the story of a master who entrusted his servants with different amounts according to their ability. One received five talents, another received two, and another received one. Although each servant received something different, each was expected to faithfully steward what had been entrusted to him.

God does not [COMPARE](#) us with one another. He [MEASURES](#) our faithfulness.

One believer may have greater resources. Another may have greater influence. Another may have different gifts or opportunities. God has never required us to manage what He entrusted to someone else. He simply asks us to faithfully steward what He has entrusted to us.

Faithful stewardship reaches far beyond our finances. Every day, God places valuable resources into our care—our time, our talents, our spiritual gifts, our families, our relationships, our opportunities, our influence, and even the Gospel itself, which has been entrusted to us to faithfully share with others. Every one of these gifts provides an opportunity to glorify God and serve His Kingdom.

[Jesus also taught](#) — “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much...” — [Luke 16:10](#)

Faithfulness is not [DETERMINED](#) by the size of the responsibility. It is revealed by how we manage whatever God has already placed into our hands.

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we should not ask, “How much has God given me?” We should ask, “Am I faithfully using what God has entrusted to me?”

Faithfulness today prepares us for greater opportunities tomorrow. God often entrusts greater responsibility to those who have first proven faithful with the little He has already placed into their care.

At Angler Church, we believe this simple truth: God does not measure success by what we possess. He measures faithfulness by how we steward what He has entrusted to us.

CREW DISCUSSION

1. Which area of stewardship do you find most challenging to faithfully manage—your time, talents, relationships, opportunities, spiritual gifts, or finances? Why?
2. How does understanding that God measures faithfulness rather than comparison change the way you view the resources He has entrusted to you?

III. Kingdom Investment

Faithful stewardship becomes visible in the way we invest what God has entrusted to us. Throughout Scripture, God has always invited His people to participate in His work through faithful giving. Giving is not about meeting God's NEEDS, because God owns everything. Rather, giving is one of the ways we WORSHIP Him, express our trust in Him, and participate in the advancement of His Kingdom.

One of the first ways God teaches us stewardship is through tithing.

Malachi 3:10 — “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house... and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts...”

The word tithe simply means “a tenth.” Throughout Scripture, God's people honored Him by returning the first ten percent of what He had entrusted to them. TITHING is not about giving God ten percent of what belongs to us. It is RETURNING to God what already belongs to Him. Tithing is an act of obedience, worship, and trust that acknowledges God as the Owner and Provider of everything we have.

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7: — “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

God is not simply interested in the amount we give. He is interested in the attitude of our hearts. Biblical giving is an act of joyful worship that reflects our love for God and our desire to see His Kingdom advance.

As faithful stewards, we also recognize that God has entrusted the local church with resources to accomplish His MISSION. Every gift received is prayerfully managed to support the work of the Kingdom.

IV. Where Does My Giving Go?

At Angler Church, biblical giving is expressed through tithes and offerings. These gifts are then faithfully stewarded through several ministry funds to accomplish the mission of Jesus Christ.

1. **Tithes & Offerings** — God has established two primary ways for believers to financially worship and support the ministry of the local church.

Tithe — The first ten percent of our increase, faithfully returned to the Lord in obedience.

Offering — A voluntary gift given **ABOVE** and beyond the tithe as an expression of worship, generosity, and **SACRIFICE**.

An offering is a biblical act of **WORSHIP**. A fund is a stewardship tool used by the local church to faithfully **MANAGE** those gifts for Kingdom ministry.

2. **General Fund** — The General Fund is the primary ministry fund of Angler Church. Tithes and undesignated offerings, are prayerfully stewarded through the General Fund to support the ongoing ministry and mission of the local church.

Through the General Fund, Angler Church is able to provide worship services, discipleship, outreach, children's ministry, pastoral care, administration, ministry resources, and the day-to-day operation of the church as we faithfully carry out the mission Jesus Christ has given us.

3. Designated Offerings

Missions — These offerings are designated gifts given specifically to support missionaries, church planting, evangelism, and the spread of the Gospel around the world.

Capital Stewardship — From time to time, believers may choose to give designated offerings through Capital Stewardship. These gifts help provide for church expansion, facilities, equipment, and projects that strengthen the long-term mission of the church and impact future generations.

Special Ministry Opportunities — From time to time, God provides unique opportunities to invest in His Kingdom beyond our regular giving. Designated offerings allow believers to support guest ministers, missionaries, evangelistic efforts, benevolence, disaster relief, and other special ministry opportunities.

Every gift, whether large or small, becomes an investment in lives, disciples, churches, and future generations for the Kingdom of God.

CREW DISCUSSION

1.. Why do you think God established both tithes and offerings as part of faithful stewardship?

2. How does knowing where your giving is invested encourage you to worship God through faithful stewardship?

CREW NOTES

- I. One of the first truths we discover in Scripture is that God is the _____ of all things.
2. Many people think of themselves as _____ who occasionally give something back to God.
3. A steward is someone who faithfully _____ what belongs to another.
4. _____ comes from Him, _____ should ultimately be used for Him.
5. God does not _____ us with one another. He _____ our faithfulness.
6. Faithfulness is not _____ by the size of the responsibility.
7. Giving is not about meeting God's _____. Giving is one of the ways we _____ Him.
8. _____ is not about giving God ten percent of what belongs to us.
9. It is _____ to God what already belongs to Him.
10. As faithful stewards, we recognize that God has entrusted the local church with resources to accomplish His _____.
- II. Offering is a voluntary gift given _____ and beyond the tithe as an expression of worship, generosity, and _____.
12. An offering is a biblical act of _____. A fund is a stewardship tool used by the local church to faithfully _____ those gifts for Kingdom ministry.

Crew Life Culture

As we've walked through this lesson, you've probably discovered that stewardship is about much more than money. Stewardship begins by recognizing that everything belongs to God. Every good gift we enjoy—our time, talents, relationships, opportunities, spiritual gifts, and finances—has been entrusted to us by the Lord for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Faithful stewards understand that they are not owners; they are managers of what God has placed into their hands. Because everything belongs to Him, we desire to faithfully honor Him with every area of our lives. Stewardship is not simply something we practice on Sunday—it is a lifestyle of worship that influences the way we live every day.

At Angler Church, we believe faithful stewardship is one of the clearest expressions of Christian discipleship. Through our service, our generosity, and our willingness to invest in God's Kingdom, we partner together in the mission Jesus Christ has given His Church. Every prayer, every act of service, every dollar given, and every sacrifice made becomes an investment in lives being changed for eternity.

When we faithfully steward what God has entrusted to us, we demonstrate our trust in Him, strengthen the ministry of the local church, and help carry the Gospel to our community and around the world. That is the heart of biblical stewardship. That is how faithful disciples live. And that is the culture of **CREW LIFE**.

CREW DISCUSSION

1. How has this lesson changed the way you think about stewardship and God's ownership over your life?
2. Which area of stewardship do you believe God is asking you to grow in—your time, talents, service, generosity, or another area?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to become a more faithful steward of what God has entrusted to you?