



*For the* **CITY**  
**in our FINANCES**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

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# *Introduction*

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## Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money.

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## Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

## Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,

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## Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)

25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

## **Matthew 25:14–30 (ESV)**

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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**A. God is the owner  
of our wealth.**

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## Psalm 24:1–2 (ESV)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

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**God doesn't owe us  
anything**

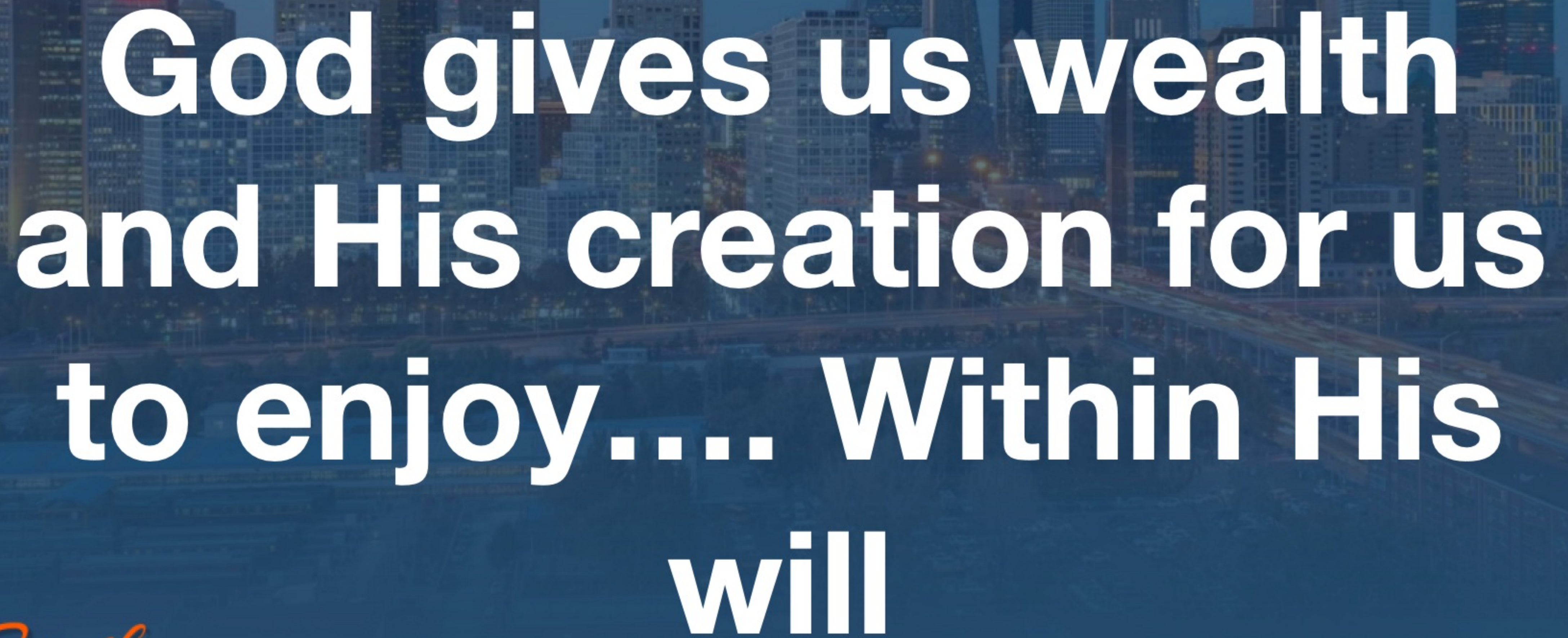
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**Job 41:11 (ESV)**

Who has first given to me, that I should repay him?  
Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine

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A city skyline at dusk with a blue overlay. The text is centered and reads: "God gives us wealth and His creation for us to enjoy..... Within His will".

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## 1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV)

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

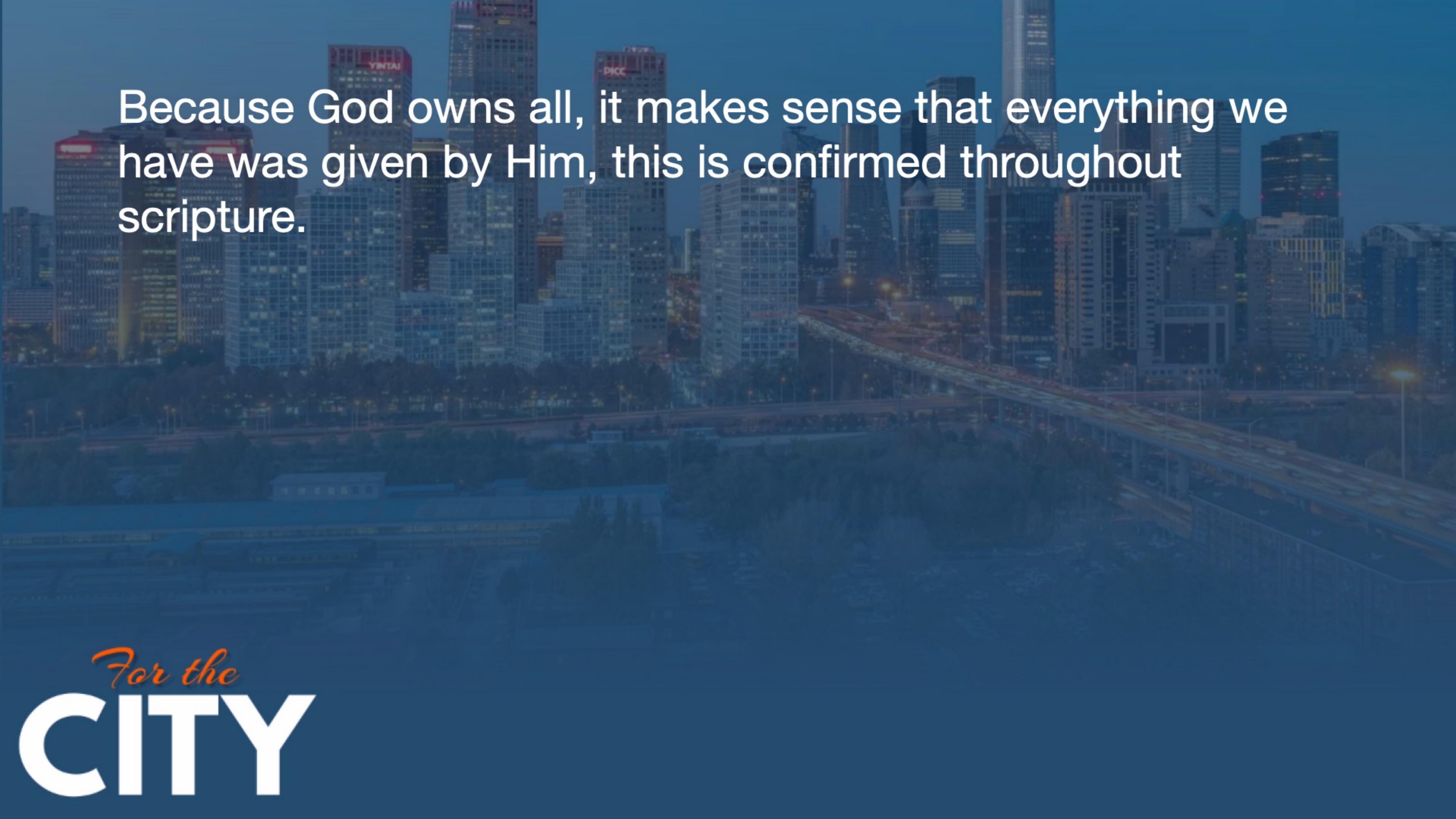
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A city skyline at dusk with a blue overlay. The text "The Master" is written in a cursive font at the top, and "B. God is the giver of our wealth." is written in a bold sans-serif font in the center. At the bottom left, "For the CITY" is written, with "For the" in cursive and "CITY" in bold sans-serif.

*The Master*

**B. God is the giver  
of our wealth.**

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Because God owns all, it makes sense that everything we have was given by Him, this is confirmed throughout scripture.

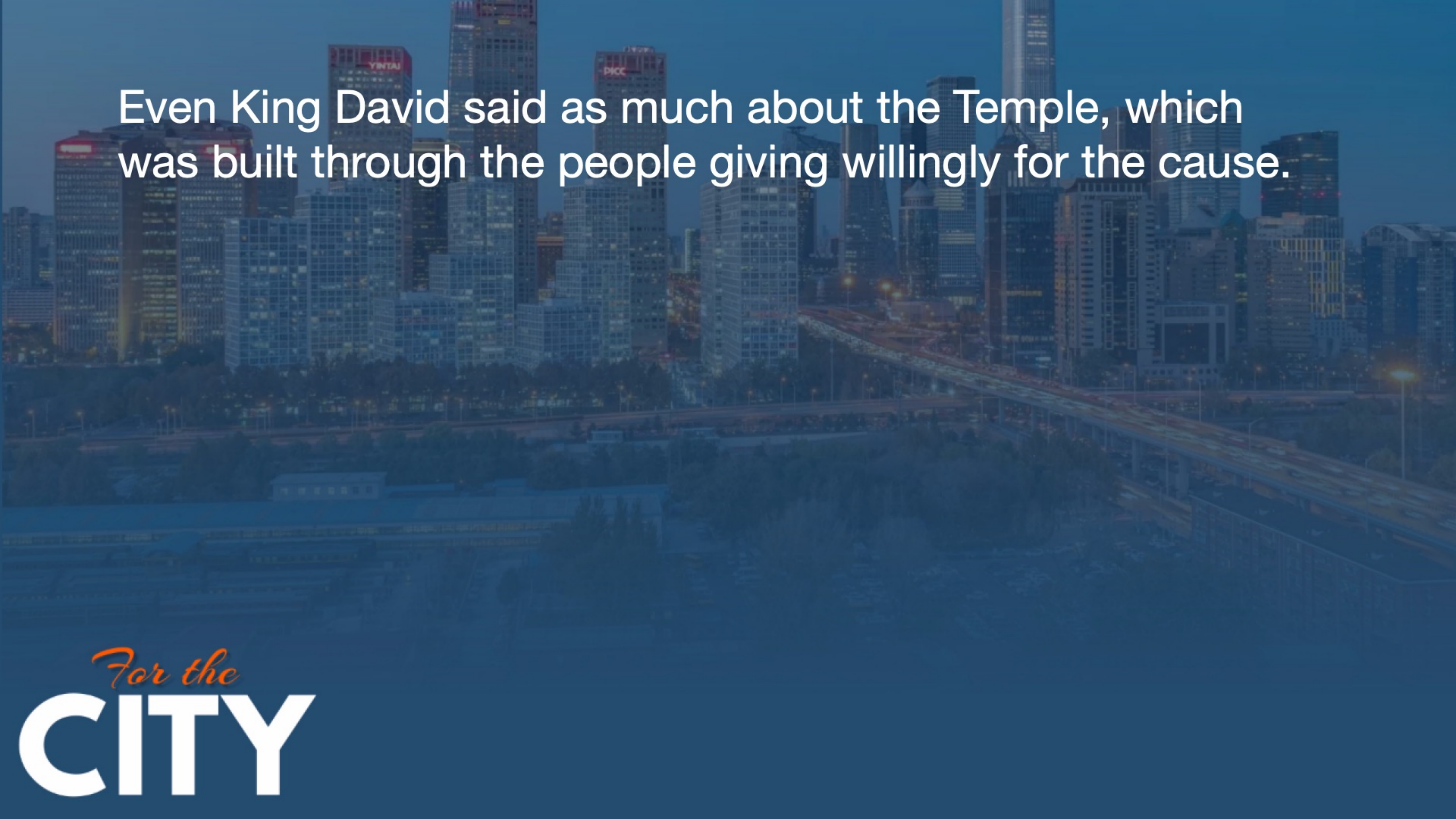
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## 1 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

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A blue-tinted photograph of a city skyline at dusk or dawn. The sky is a deep blue, and the city lights are visible. In the foreground, a multi-lane highway with a guardrail runs across the frame. The background is filled with numerous skyscrapers, some of which have their lights on. The overall mood is serene and urban.

Even King David said as much about the Temple, which was built through the people giving willingly for the cause.

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## **1 Chronicles 29:16 (ESV)**

O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

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# *The Servants*

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**A. We don't own  
what we own our  
finances.**

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**B. We are only  
Stewards of what the  
Master has given us.**

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of Servants.*

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# *The Two types of Servants*

**A. The Servant with lack of faith Who brings the Wrath of God.**

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## Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

“No one can serve two masters, for 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 God and money.

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**B. The Faithful Servant  
who brings Glory to God.**

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## 2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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**1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)**


As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

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*Conclusion*

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**Applying the truths to  
our city.**

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