



1. Recognize God Owns It All – We Are Stewards by Faith in Our Triune God

Everything belongs to God; we are simply stewards of His resources. Faith in the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ frees us from the illusion of ownership and calls us to handle money in a way that glorifies the One who gave us life and salvation. Because God has created us, sustains us in being, and has chosen to redeem us by His grace, we must faithfully pursue His commands in our wise stewardship of His financial blessings.

Key verses:

Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, The world, and those who live in it.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 - Yours, LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion, LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over

all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents) - **14** "For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, *who* called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. **15** To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. **16** The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more *talents*. **17** In the same way the one who *had received* the two *talents* earned two more. **18** But he who received the one *talent* went away and dug a *hole in the* ground, and hid his master's money.

19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves **came* and **settled* accounts with them. **20** The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.' **21** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'

22 "Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.' **23** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'

24 "Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter *seed*. **25** And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you *still* have what is yours.'

26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter *seed*? **27** Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest. **28** Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'

29 "For to everyone who has, *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. **30** And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Application:

Count the blessings of the Lord in your life:

Pray that the Lord of heaven and earth would give you a mindset of wise and discerning stewardship of all the blessings He has chosen to give you.

Ask our Triune God, "How can I use these blessings for Your glory?"
