



Small Group Study Guide
SERMON: SOMEBODY'S WATCHING YOU!
Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

This sermon, "Somebody's Watching You! (Part 2)," challenges parents and the church family to live authentic, visible faith so our children—and our community—see Christ-shaped lives in action. Using David's example of stewardship and Jesus' teaching about priorities, PT calls us from ownership to management of God's resources, inviting a lifestyle of first-fruit generosity that models faith for the next generation and fuels kingdom impact (including the playground project as a tangible next step to witness how God responds to generosity).

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Luke 14:1 (they were watching him carefully) — Jesus observed by critics; used in the sermon to remind us that others watch closely, especially our children.
- 1 Chronicles 29:11–14 — King David's prayer acknowledging God's ownership of all things and the people's generous response; frames stewardship as gratitude and humility.
- John 3:27 — "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" — underscores that blessings originate with God.
- Matthew 6:25, 27 — Jesus questions the anxious pursuit of possessions and how they do not add a moment to life; challenges material-centered identity and fear-based holding.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you're empty nesters, answer from your past experience.

1. Luke 14:1 — "*Your children are watching you.*" What one behavior at home most shows your faith to your kids?
2. 1 Chronicles 29:11–14 — "*Everything is Yours.*" How does viewing God as owner change one spending or giving decision this week?
3. John 3:27 — "*Nothing received except from heaven.*" How would treating blessings as gifts from God affect how you handle a recent opportunity?
4. Matthew 6:25,27 — "*Isn't life more than possessions?*" Where does anxiety about stuff show up in your family, and what one step could you take to reduce it?
5. 1 Chronicles 29:14 — "*Who are we to give?*" How does remembering global poverty motivate your giving priorities here?
6. Sermon stories — Name one way children imitate adults you've seen; what will you model differently/better?
7. "We are managers, not owners." What's one thing you can reframe as a tool for God's kingdom this month?
8. Sermon theme — How can our small group visibly model generosity to the kids and families we influence?

9. Legacy question — What single habit could you start that would leave a faith-and-generosity legacy for the next generation?

PT's BEST QUOTES (from the sermon)

- *"Kids repeat in the classroom what they hear at home. Your children follow you before they follow Jesus." ~ Marissa Carter*
- *"Are your kids convinced you are privately who you claim to be publicly?"*
- *"Give first and adjust your lifestyle accordingly."*
- *"We have a biblical obligation to teach generosity."*
- *"This isn't about your church needing your money. It's about the world needing your influence."*
- *"You will never meet a Jesus follower who practiced generosity toward God's kingdom who regrets it."*

ACTION PROMPTS

1. **Family Rhythm:** This week, establish a simple daily or mealtime "thank you, God" moment—two sentences—practiced by every family member.
2. **Give First:** Commit to one concrete "give first" action (set aside a percentage, give to the Christmas Eve Playground Fund, or a mercy need) before paying a discretionary bill this month.
3. **Visible Generosity:** Choose one way to show generosity publicly with your kids (pack a care bag for Spike Ministries, donate toys/clothes together, serve at a community meal) and do it within 30 days.
4. **Prayer Teaching:** Teach your children a short prayer (10–20 seconds) modeled on the Lord's Prayer or "Thank you, God" before a meal; practice it daily for two weeks.
5. **Home Audit:** Walk through your home/garage with your family and identify one item or space to repurpose or donate—talk through why you're doing it and how it demonstrates stewardship.
6. **Accountability:** Pair up with a small group member and report back in two weeks what changed after you "gave first" or started a family faith rhythm.

CLOSING PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of family and for entrusting us with resources to steward for Your kingdom. Help us to live authentically so our children see Jesus in us. Give us courage to be managers, not owners—grant us generous hearts that reflect Your love. Unite our church family, lead people to small groups, and empower us to invite others to Sunday services. Grow our faith, deepen our community, and multiply our witness for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

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