

Sermon Series: The Generous Life
Sermon: A New Paradigm
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Psalms 24:1 – “The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord;”
Corinthians 10:26 – “the earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it.”

Stewardship is the process of being responsible with someone else's property while it is entrusted to you.

Greed is living with the assumption that it's all for my consumption.

- 1 You don't have a job—you have a temporary role at a company that you are accountable for how you steward your leadership and influence.
- 2 You don't have children—you have a temporary role of raising little human beings and you are accountable for how you steward your leadership and influence in their lives.
- 3 You don't have a gift—you have something that was given to you to benefit others.
1 Peter 4:10
- 4 You don't have time—your life and plans unfold according to God's will.
James 4:13

Key Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

Key Takeaways:

- 1 Everything we have belongs to God (humility)
 - Pride is an oversized image of self. “Pride in the religious sense is the refusal to let God be God. It is to grab God's status for one's self. Pride is wanting instead to be the Creator, independent, reliant on one's own resources.”
 - ii. “In his pride the wicked person does not seek God, in all their thoughts there is no room for God.” Psalm 10:4
- 2 When we don't seek God in how we handle our money, our time, our gifts—Scripture calls that pride.
 - Pride leads to destruction.
- 3 Everything we have is temporary.
 - God entrusts things in our hands to manage them well.
 - Questions to ask ourselves: Am I managing my money the way God wants me to?
 - Invite God in early and often. Pray the Lord's prayer over your time, your family, your job.