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# BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IS A SPIRITUAL ROLE THAT ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S OWNERSHIP OF EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD.

#### 1. BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZES THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

Psalm 24:1-2 (NLT)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalm 50:10 (NLT)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17 (ESV)

## MAY WE NEVER FORGET THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE COMES FROM GOD.

MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE COMES FROM GOD.

MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT HUMILITY IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.

MAY WE CONTINUALLY GLORIFY GOD WITH EVERYTHING GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH.

# 2. BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP IS A RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO US BY GOD.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

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For who regards you as superior or what sets you apart as special? What do you have that you did not receive [from another]? And if in fact you received it [from God or someone else], why do you boast as if you had not received it [but had gained it by yourself]?

1 Corinthians 4:7 (AMP)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Genesis 2:15 (ESV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

#### KEY PRINCIPLES

- 1. Responsible Management
  - 2. Hilarious Generosity
  - 3. Environmental Care

### PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. Time Management: Prioritize time for prayer, worship, and service.

  Make your time count!
  - 2. Financial Budgeting: Live frugally and invest in the future.

    Make your money count!
- 3. Talents & Gifts: Serve the Lord by using the talents He has placed in your heart.

  Make your life count!