

THE OWNERSHIP MYTH

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In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. Psalm 95:4

I became sad about all the hard work I had done here on earth. People can work hard using all their wisdom, knowledge, and skill, but they will die, and other people will get the things for which they worked. They did not do the work, but they will get everything. Ecclesiastes 2:20-21 (NCV)

1 Chronicles 29:1-14

THE TRUTH ABOUT OWNERSHIP:

1. Everything _____ to God

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

2. Everything _____ from God

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things... Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 1 Chronicles 29:12,14

3. Everything is _____ by God

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 1 Chronicles 29:12b

He [God] gave to each one according to his ability... Matthew 25:15(GN)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us... Romans 12:6

Stewardship: protecting and growing the owner's assets with fierce intensity.

GOD EXPECTS YOU TO:

1. Use and _____ what He gives you

...God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

2. _____ and maintain when He blesses you

- By establishing a plan to _____

Go to the ant... consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. Proverbs 6:6-8

- By establishing a plan of _____

If you plan and work hard, you will have plenty... Proverbs 21:5(CEV)

Also: Matthew 25:14-30

- By _____ to the Lord's work.

Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10 (AMP)

- By _____ with the poor.

Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord, and he will reward them. Proverbs 19:17

3. _____ each day for when He audits you

After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. Matthew 25:19 (NLT)

Also: Matthew 18:23, Romans 14:12 & Hebrews 4:13

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*