




# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** Everything belongs to God.

**HEAD CHANGE:** Tithing isn't giving, it's returning what has been given to us an expression of faith.

**HEART CHANGE:** I know there is more to this life than this life.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Everything I have, my talents, resources, time, relationships etc., are a gift from God to manage well.

## OVERVIEW

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Following Jesus will eventually lead you to recognizing the foundation of ownership. God owns everything in the world, but He appoints us as stewards to wisely manage it. Everything we have is God's. We get to enjoy what He sends us, but we do not permanently own these things. When God prompts us to share, we are not to grieve our loss. His principle of stewardship enables us to be generous as we learn that we are blessed to be a blessing.

*"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone."*

*-Matthew 25:14 (NLT)-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What challenged you the most in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
2. Where have you predominantly learned to handle your resources? Was it a friend, parent, God's word, or elsewhere?
3. How does understanding that everything belongs to God change the way you steward what you possess? How does/could it change the way you return what's been entrusted to you?
4. Read Matthew 6:21 together. Jordan said, "God isn't after your money. He is after what your money represents, your heart." Can you describe a time when you felt the Lord prompting you to give but it was hard to let go? What was the outcome?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, I want to be a faithful manager of all that you give me. Help me to wisely use your blessing to bless others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**